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"BOSKO" TOP JOB

By David Jack

Tony Boskovic, Australia's best-known referee, will be the only Australian handling matches in the World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

It is a plum appointment, sought-after by every referee in the country.

Boskovic, now nearing the end of a distinguished career in Australian Soccer was particularly anxious to gain the nomination for the Youth Championships.

He told AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY that he was thrilled to hear he has been selected although he realised that, with only one place available for an Australian, he faced a lot of competition.

Tony Boskovic, who came to Australia from Yugoslavia 20 years ago, has won every honour in the game.

He controlled a record number of NSW Federation grand finals, being an automatic choice for a decade.

He is also the only Australian referee to have officiated in the World Cup Finals (1974 in West Germany). He has handled many World Cup elimination matches.

Boskovic still has one remaining ambition . . . he would like to be on the refereeing panel for next year's World Cup in Spain.

His selection for the Coca-Cola Cup in October matches will surely increase his chance of going to Spain.

The rest of Australia's FIFA referees will act as linesmen at the World Youth Championships.

The are: Rampley (NSW), Bambridge and Mellings (Victoria), Campbell (S.A.), Harwood (W.A.), and Johnston (Tasmania).

FOOTNOTE: If Tony Boskovic is happy about his appointment for the World Youth Championships, he was anything but happy over the "roasting" he received from many people at Pratten Park on Sunday. Read all about that on the centre pages.

WELCOME TO HUGH JOHNS

Last night (Monday) visiting TV commentator Hugh Johns was handed a nice surprise by his friends in the Sydney Soccer media.

Hugh was taken out to Attilio's Cellar Restaurant to be wined and dined.

John Economos, who arranged the function, said: "It was done off the cuff really because several of us admire the work Hugh Johns does for Soccer — in particular what he is doing right now for Australian Soccer."

It was not an official Australian Soccer Press Association function but its very informality made it a night everyone will remember for a long time.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY joins everyone else in saying: "Welcome to Australia, Hugh."

BLACK FLASH IS HERE !

Justin Fashanu, who carried a fantastic $4,000,000 transfer fee rating in England last season, is in Australia to play as a guest for Adelaide City.

Fashanu, known as the "Black Flash" is featured in ASW's STAR INTERVIEW on Page 4.

MEDICINE FROM THE DOC!

BY TOMMY DOCHERTY

At club level, Australian Soccer has nothing to be ashamed about. But at international level, my what a mess ! That's my summing-up of the scene here after having more than six months to make an assessment.

Plenty of "experts" come to Australia to make an instant judgment on what is right and what is wrong in Soccer. I'm not in that category because, since last January, I've had ample opportunity to see exactly what goes on. And I've not been going around with my eyes shut. People tell me there has been a big switch here. It seems the national side used to be pretty good-while club sides were very ordinary. Now all that has changed.

It is ridiculous to think that, as the game gets better in the Philips League it is deteriorating at national level.

So what went wrong with Australia's much talked about bid to win the Oceania Group in the World Cup ?

I believe the whole thing was mismanaged. Australia's preparation for vital games against New Zealand was slipshod. All it needed to get the squad properly prepared was a bit of common sense. Alas, it was in short supply.

Let's be honest - there are some terrible national teams in the Oceania Group, in fact some are just a joke. I remember a few years ago taking Manchester United to Jakarta to play Indonesia. The match ended 0 - 0 and the

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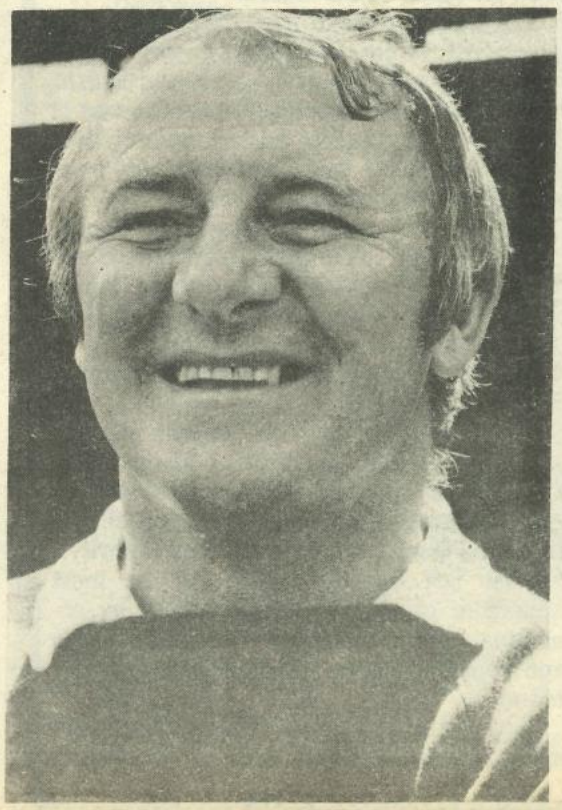

EDITORIAL

Geoff Prenter, the new Rugby League editor of Sydney's Sun newspaper, returned recently from a trip to Canada and the U.S.A.

While there, he watched three matches in the North American Soccer League. He admitted he was impressed. He strongly denied suggestions that the North American boom was evaporating — indeed he said: "The game has taken a strong hold."

One match, played in Seattle between the Sounders and California Surf, was watched by 31,000 people. And that's a good crowd by any standards.

Prenter said: "Soccer is promoted expertly. It is billed as 'the other game' in deference to the more traditional American sports. It is doing very well."

Some Australian observers who travelled to the U.S.A. to find out what the Yanks were doing right and the Aussies were doing wrong, appeared to think that the huge interest in Soccer was more or less confined to New York Cosmos.

These people claimed most of the other NASL clubs were struggling for survival. Prenter's observations suggest just the opposite.

These days there is no Pele, no Beckenbauer, to thrill the Soccer public of America. The code has gained a good hold without the greatest star names from South America and Europe.

Pelé, on a recent visit to England.

The people who investigated the NASL on behalf of Australia Soccer do not seem to have brought back the right answers.

The Australian Soccer Federation's Marketing branch gave us some strange club nicknames which spectators, in the main, regard as ridiculous. Marketing also floated the suggestion to switch seasons — which was summer Soccer madness. Marketing, too, believed that indoor five-a-side Soccer was the game of the future.

We do not believe such ideas will bring prosperity to Soccer in this country. There must be something else. Surely the U.S.A. and Canada has more to offer in the way of advice to a struggling Soccer nation. After all, it is not so long ago that they were struggling themselves.

Perhaps we should seek salvation on our own doorstep. The basic ingredients are here — an excellent climate, huge junior development, a population saturated with migrant stock from Soccer nations.

Maybe the standard of play is not so hot but, at the same time, it isn't so bad.

Yet Soccer remains the sleeping giant of Australian sport. Is it ever going to be aroused from its slumber? Are there enough men of vision here to get the game off the floor and lead it intelligently to prosperity?

That last question could be the most important of all. We might benefit by removing all the administrators from office and replacing them with a completely new team.

It would not cure all of Soccer's ills. But it might help.

N.Z. WORLD CUP STAR STEVE WOODDIN HOOKS A SHOT ROUND ARTHUR McMILLAN

SEXTON PLANS WELCOME

Dave Sexton, sacked by Manchester United in a move which angered many English Soccer people, won't have to wait long to get his "revenge" on the club which fired him.

By a curious coincidence, United's first match of the 1981-82 season is away to Coventry City. And Sexton is the new manager of Coventry!

He is not a vindictive character but he will surely want to kick off the new season by beating his old club.

The new boss at Old Trafford, Ron Atkinson, faces the most difficult of all programmes to kick-off.

After travelling to Coventry, United play Nottingham Forest and Ipswich Town at home and then go to play League champions, Aston Villa, at Villa Park.

The Football League computer seems determined to put Atkinson to a severe test right from the start!

PHILIPS LEAGUE

Round 17:

MARCONI - ADELAIDE CITY *1-4*
Jankovics(M); Mitchell, Marocchi, Villani, Northcote(AC)

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS - PRESTON *2-1*
Koussas, Jennings(SO); Whittle(P)

BRISBANE LIONS - LEICHHARDT *0-0*

HEIDELBERG - SOUTH MELBOURNE *0-0*

CANBERRA ARROWS - BRISBANE CITY *3-0*
McLaren, Brennan, Purdie

BLACKTOWN DEMONS - NEWCASTLE KB *1-2*
Jones(BD); Treddinick, Heys(N)

FOOTSCRAY - WOLLONGONG *1-1*
Verweij(F); Adam(W)

WEST ADELAIDE - SYDNEY SLICKERS *1-2*
Topaz(WA); Souness 2(SS)

TOP SCORERS:
8.Boden (SS)
7.Ollerton (P), Mitchell(AC)
6.Sharne(M), Christopoulos, Evans(SM), J.Nyskohus(AC)
5.Gibson, Valeri(CA), O'Connor(L), P.Wilkinson(BC), Millman(BL), Paton(H), Souness(SS), Koussas(SO)
4.Cole(H), Kosmina(SS), Jennings(SO), Russell (AC), Hamilton(BC), Cullen(P), Burrows(BD), McBreen, Adam(W), Soper(L), Brennan(CA)

YOUTH LEAGUE

Blacktown 2, Newcastle 2; Wollongong 2, Leichhardt 1; Marconi 3, Canberra 0; S. Olympic 1, Syd. City 2.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARCONI	10	2	2	42	14	22
LEICHHARDT	10	2	2	37	17	22
AIS	9	1	4	38	22	19
NEWCASTLE	7	4	3	31	27	18
SYD. CITY	5	4	5	33	22	14
SYD. OLYMPIC	5	4	6	19	18	14
WOLLONGONG	4	1	9	16	39	9
BLACKTOWN	2	1	10	17	32	5
CANBERRA ARROWS	0	1	11	8	50	1

Next week's round:
(All matches played Sunday at 12.45 p.m.)

Syd. Olympic v AIS; Leichhardt v Blacktown; Wollongong v Newcastle; Syd City v Canberra;

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Blacktown City		1:2	0:1		2:2		1:5				0:2		3:1		2:2	4:0
2	Newcastle KB	1:1			1:1		4:0		0:2		0:1		1:2		3:0	1:1	
3	Leichhardt		2:1			1:1		3:0		0:1				2:2	2:0	0:0	
4	Wollongong	1:1		1:1			2:2		0:0		0:1		3:1	3:4	2:1		
5	South Melbourne		2:0		1:0			0:0		1:3		1:0	1:1	2:1		1:0	
6	Preston	2:3		3:1		1:1			1:1		0:1	0:0	3:1		3:0		
7	Adelaide City		4:1		1:2		1:0		1:0	0:1	1:0	0:1		3:1		3:2	
8	Brisbane City	2:1		0:0	1:0					2:0	0:0		3:0		2:0		2:1
9	Sydney City		4:1				2:0		1:1			5:0		1:0		1:1	1:0
10	Canberra City	2:2		0:1		2:2		0:0	3:0	2:0			2:1		5:0		1:2
11	Marconi				1:1		1:0	1:4	1:1		0:2			3:1		2:1	1:0
12	Sydney Olympic	1:0		1:3		2:2	2:1	3:1		2:2		2:0			0:0		3:1
13	Heidelberg		1:2		0:3	0:0	2:3		2:0		1:1		1:0				2:0
14	Footscray	2:0		2:1	1:1	1:2		1:1		1:0		1:2		2:2			1:1
15	Brisbane Lions		0:1	0:0	1:1		2:1		1:0		1:0		1:1		4:0		3:1
16	West Adelaide	2:0	0:1	1:2	0:0	0:2	4:0	0:3		1:2							

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SOUTH MELBOURNE	5	2	1	9- 5	12	2	6	0	12- 9	10	16	7	8	1	21-14	22
SYDNEY SLICKERS	5	2	0	15- 3	12	4	1	3	9- 9	9	15	9	3	3	24-12	21
CANBERRA ARROWS	4	3	2	17- 8	11	4	2	2	6- 3	10	17	8	5	4	23-11	21
ADELAIDE CITY	6	0	3	14- 8	12	3	3	2	14- 9	9	17	9	3	5	28-17	21
LEICHHARDT	3	3	1	10- 5	9	4	3	2	10- 8	11	16	7	6	3	20-13	20
BRISBANE CITY	6	2	0	12- 2	14	1	4	4	5-10	6	17	7	6	4	17-12	20
BRISBANE LIONS	5	3	1	13- 5	13	0	4	3	7-10	4	16	5	7	4	20-15	17
WOLLONGONG	2	4	2	12-11	8	2	5	2	9- 7	9	17	4	9	4	21-18	17
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	5	3	1	16-10	13	1	2	5	7-15	4	17	6	5	6	23-25	17
MARCONI	4	2	2	10-10	10	3	1	3	5- 9	7	15	7	3	5	15-19	17
NEWCASTLE KB	2	3	3	11- 8	7	4	0	4	9-14	8	16	6	3	7	20-22	15
HEIDELBERG	3	2	3	9- 9	8	1	2	5	12-19	4	16	4	4	8	21-28	12
PRESTON	3	3	2	13- 8	9	1	1	7	7-20	3	17	4	4	9	20-28	12
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	2	2	4	13-15	6	1	3	4	8-13	5	16	3	5	8	21-28	11
FOOTSCRAY	3	4	2	12-10	10	0	1	7	1-21	1	17	3	5	9	13-31	11
WEST ADELAIDE	2	1	5	8-10	5	1	1	7	6-18	3	17	3	2	12	14-28	8

WILL THE REAL DONIKIAN PLEASE STAND UP?

By David Jack

The face of George Donikian is well-known to followers of Soccer.

Not so much because of any close connections with the sport but because his smiling face keeps popping up as a news reader on Channel 0/28 when we tune in for Soccer coverage.

Now, it seems, Mr Donikian has confessed to much closer ties with Soccer.

A full page profile on him appeared in a recent issue of Australasian Post. It makes remarkable reading. I quote from the article:

Back in 1968, a 15 year-old George Donikian was hell-bent on becoming an international Soccer star. And he was well on the way.

As a Soccer whiz-kid he played goalkeeper for two Sydney sides, Pan Hellenic and Prague.

But his big moment came when he represented Australia in the '68 side againat touring Manchester City, a team boasting names like Bobby Charlton, George Best and Nobby Stiles.

"We didn't win," said George. "But who cares. Being out there in the middle of a packed Sydney Sports Ground in front of 40,000 screaming fans will remain one of my most cherished memories."

The memory may be cherished but it's not very accurate.

Readers of Australasian Post are entitled to answers to the following questions:

1. Did George Donikian really play in goal for Australia at 15?
2. Did he play in '68 against touring Manchester City?
3. Did Manchester City boast names like Charlton, Best and Stiles?
4. Did Donikian really appear at Sydney Sports Ground in front of 40,000 screaming fans?

I believe the answer to each of those questions is "NO." In fact, I'm sure of it.

So why on earth was this ridiculous story foisted on the public?

Points worth mentioning .... If George Donikian really represented Australia at the age of 15, why isn't he in the Guinness Book of Records?

How could he play against Manchester City in '68 when that team did not tour Australia in '68?

Who transferred Charlton, Best and Stiles from Manchester United to Manchester City?

The capacity of Sydney Sports Ground is estimated at 33,000.

To conclude, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY would be most grateful to George Donikian if he could throw some light on this strange affair.

The public is often misled when non-Soccer writers do feature articles on people in the sport.

But for goodness sake, let us try to retain some credibility.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG SOCCEROOS

By Keith Gilmour

Gary Byrne, Peter Sharne, Alan Davidson and Peter Katholos will be the first players selected for the World Cup game against Fiji in Suva on July 26.

In with them will go an experienced libero, goalkeeper and central striker.

The rest of the team will be made up of leading players from the developing World Youth Championship team.

This selection decision could spell the end of World Cup Soccer for current Australian captain Murray Barnes.

Obviously Youth team players selected will include Steve Blair, Rob Wheatley and David Mitchell.

Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas, John Little and Glen Ahearn must be amongst the leading contenders for the remaining positions.

National coach Les Scheinflug realises that Australia is still in with the slimest of chances, at least until New Zealand and Fiji meet on August 17.

So he must set his team for home and away wins against Fiji away on July 26 and then in Brisbane on August 14 for a start.

Fiji have little to offer in international competition, but there was Australia's embarrassing 0-1 upset loss in 1977.

There is no option but to use Youth squad players in these matches if Australia is to rebuild its national team from largely locally — produced talent, and also put on a morale — building display in its World Youth Championship games in October.

The coming three matches in New Caledonia will be tough.

Scheinflug believes that there is no possibility of including the offered games against the excellent New Zealand Youth team in his plans — due to congestion of the international fixture list.

"But I must have matches in Singapore and Hong Kong when we go to Jakarta and Taipei in late August to round off our Youth preparations," he said.

ALAN DAVIDSON

BRETT BEEVES FOR NEW CALEDONIA

By Keith Gilmour

Brett Beeves has gained a spot in the Young Socceroo squad to visit New Caledonia at the end of the month.

He has been chosen along with experienced Glen Ahearn as one of the two goalkeepers.

Beeves plays for Belmont-Swansea in the Northern NSW State League and has already been to England to improve his knowledge in his position.

Making a welcome comeback in international ranks is Ian Hunter, the Marconi speedster, who has been working hard towards top form and fitness after breaking a leg in the last Oceania Youth Cup in Fiji.

Gerry Gomez, the gangling Sydney City youngster, has won a place as a utility player.

The Squad is: Goalkeepers: Glen Ahearn, Brett Beeves. Defenders: Rob Wheatley, Brett Woods, Ian McKie, David Skeen, Steve Blair, Garry Gomez. Midfielders: John Little, Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos, Paul Kay. Strikers: Grant Lee, Dennis Colusso, Ian Hunter, Mark Koussas, David Mitchell.

IAN HUNTER

Alitalia

CONTEST POINTS ARE BEING ADDED UP

The Telecom dispute has made things very difficult for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY. Communication between our head office in Sydney and the various State correspondents gets more difficult by the hour.

For this reason, the ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL "player of the year" contest scores have not been published this week, or in last week's issue.

Don't worry. Our ratings have been recorded and, hopefully, the contest points will be published next Tuesday. But that is in the hands of Telecom.

The big prize to be won is, of course, a return air ticket, flying in a big Alitalia 747, from Sydney or Melbourne to Rome.

Canberra Arrows captain Terry Byrne was leading the field at the last count but, with three rounds of the PSL competition to be added, it's clear there will be much juggling of position among the contest leaders.

In addition to the Alitalia trip, the winner of the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL contest will be presented with a "player of the year" trophy which he will keep.

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Here is the latest list of points scorers in our "player of the year" competition:

25 - Terry Byrne
20 - David Mitchell
17 - Peter Katholos
16 - Alun Evans
13 - Chris Dunleavy, Joe Senkalski
12 - Peter Wilson (Leich)
11 - Phil O'Connor, Dennis .Boland, Martyn Crook, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson
10 - Peter Sharne, Jim Hermiston, Greg Woodhouse, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Ian Souness, Arthur Xanthopoulos
9 - Col Bennett, Jim Campbell, Clive Campbell, John Djordjevic, Allan Maher
8 - Gary Byrne, Brian O'Donnell, Bruce James, Malcolm McClelland
7 - Jimmy Wright, Stuart Selvage, Jim McBreen, Jim Tansey, Doug Brown, Peter Tymczyszyn, Alan Whittle, Peter Boyle
6 - Joe Palinkas, Joe Watson, Vince Bannon, Martin Coe, Gary Clayton, Dan Jovanovic, Jimmy Dunne, Ron Millman, Jim O'Reilly, Paul Ontong
5 - Jim Ziras, John Kosmina, Bobby Russell, John Nyskohus, Walter Valeri
4 - Tom Forde, Gary Meier, Baz Giampaolo, Gary Cole, Ian Gibson, Steve Blair, Ken Boden, Richard Wilson, Ian Bruce, Alan Niven, Bugsy Nyskohus, Peter Ollerton, Ljube Petkovski, Tony Brennan, Brian Northcote

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

STAR INTERVIEW

Over the years I have been most fortunate to meet some of the world's biggest names in Soccer,such as Ron Greenwood,Dr Joe Venglos,Dettmar Cramer,Bobby Robson,Franz Beckenbauer,Francis Lee,Carlos Alberto,Bobby Charlton,and many many others.

They all had the one thing in common besides Soccer and that was an immaculate character as well as a great personality.But last Sunday at Marconi Oval I spoke to Adelaide City's guest star from England,Justin Fashanu (THE BLACK FLASH),and was knocked over by the man's character,composure, personality and above all,patience and impeccable manners.I found this very hard to accept from such a young top line star who is so much in the limelight,yet remains unspoilt.

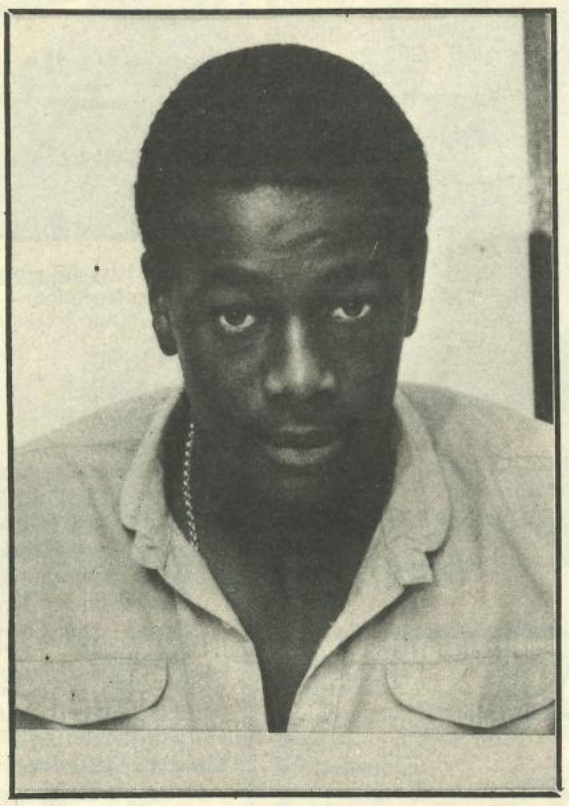
So here we go briefly into meeting the latest sensation of English first division Soccer,the player with a reported $4 million transfer on his head,Justin Fashanu ,or as the Adcity boys call him, 'Fash'.

'Fash' was born in England on 19th February 1961 of black African parents and was raised by foster-parents in a Norfolk village.At the age of 15,he was signed as an apprentice to the Norwich City club by the then manager,Johnny Bond.
The big central striker stands at 6 foot 1 in.,a body that is as lithe as a panther's.

JUSTIN FASHANU

TALKS TO JOHN ECONOMOS

Q: Who had the most influence on your Soccer career to date?
A: That's easy. John Bond.
Q: What are your favourite foods?
A: I eat a lot of salads.I really like them
Q: Your favourite film stars?
A: Charles Bronson and Sid Poitier.
Q: Taste in cars?
A: B.M.W. I drive one myself.
Q: Are you interested in other sports?
A: Boxing,tennis and coaching young kids Soccer.
Q: Some of your best friends?
A: I have a few.Garth Crooks is close to me.



Q: Some of your favourite players?
A: Kevin Keegan.But only on his day-.Maradona,Glenn Hoddle,Kenny Dalglish and Garth Crooks. **Q: Word of advice to young Soccer players in Australia?**
A: Always listen to all advice whatever it is.Train hard.Play hard.
Q: What is your normal routine the night before a match?

A: I take a long bath.By long,I mean LONG. Say two hours.With me I take a small cassette recorder and put on the headphones and just lay back in the bath and just soak and relax-.Then I watch T.V. for a while then off to bed.
Q: From last year's little experience of Australian Soccer,what are some of the wrongs that you think exist here?
A: Well,I'd say that everyone should think with a more professional attitude.
Q: What did you think of the match that you have just seen between Marconi and Adelaide City?
A: Superb. Some good football was played.

Q: Which player impressed you today?
A: Well that one is a bit hard as I thought it was a great display - a team effort.But I must make some mention of David Jones at the back as he was very solid.Also young Charlie Villani had a busy day.
Q: Let's just cross now back to England.You are about to leave your club Norwich City.Is that true?
A: Yes.Quite correct and definitely.
Q: Would you like to tell me which club you will be going to?
A: No.
Q: Would it be Manchester City by any chance?
A: You won't get that out of me,that's for sure.
Q: Sure??
A: Very sure.
Q: Which club do you respect the most in England?
A: Liverpool.
Q: What has gone wrong with the England team?
A: Just going through a bad patch,but they will get out of it.
Q: Besides Johnny Bond,what other manager do you respect?
A: Ron Greenwood.He is doing a good job that is most difficult at the moment.Bobby Robson and Dave Sexton are two others as well.

Q: Why did you come back to Adelaide City again this time?
A: They were so good to me last year that I made them a promise that if I ever was to come back to Australia I would return to Adelaide.I had offers from American clubs as well,but preferred Australia.The people here have been so nice to me you know.

Q: Fash,you're not too bad yourself,and if you ever need a job,you qualify most adequately for the Australian Diplomatic Corps. Are we going to see you here again next year ?
A: I really don't know,but I would like to come again.
Q: Great.On behalf of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Fash,welcome to Australia and may you have a most pleasant stay whilst you're here.
A: Thank you very much indeed.
To Adelaide City,ASW says,well done and best wishes.

With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

GIRLS MET IN GLADSTONE

Last week, during the Queen's Birthday weekend, girls in three States were locked in combat so to speak, when State titles were decided.

States to hold championships were Queensland, Northern Territory, Northern NSW and NSW.

A full report on all contests will be in a coming issue of ASW.

Shapely women's Soccer players from all Queensland strongholds of the code gathered in coastal Gladstone, Northern Queensland, for the State championships on the long weekend.

One of two women's Soccer associations in Queensland to boast its own, well-turfed headquarters field, Port Curtis hosted a nominated 12 regional teams over the weekend.

Pacey

Two power-packed Brisbane representative sides were expected to make the pace over the three days, with stern opposition once again from Mt Isa, a top country centre, Gladstone's pacey and experienced A team, Toowoomba and South Burnett.

Metropolitan clubs were represented by two teams, and Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast one each.

Mackay and Biloela, both developing rapidly, also fielded teams.

Venue for the carnival was the well-appointed Queensland Alumina Sports Club complex, which features two very fast fields, and has associated indoor and outdoor catering and other amenities.

Gladstone officials and players, supporting a strong local competition of six A Grade sides, prepared for the State carnival for almost a year and have Saturday night entertainment and other social activities in hand.

An indication of the growing interest in women's Soccer was the fielding of a Gladstone B side for the State meet, containing talented youngsters.

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On the International scene, the quarterly meeting of the Australian Women's Soccer Association executive committee was held recently.

Information was received from the Secretary that despite her efforts to persuade the Department of Foreign Affairs in Canberra to allow our Australian team to compete in Taiwan, it was to no avail.

The Department stood firm on a previous decision that no national team could compete in either South Africa or Taiwan whilst receiving sporting grants from the Australian Government.

Oceania

This request by the Australian secretary, Betty Hoar, was made after the first meeting between Australia and New Zealand recently to explore the possibility of forming an Oceania group for women.

As it was not possible for our team to go to Taiwan, it was decided that a provincial tour of New Zealand would go ahead this year instead.

The dates set down for the tour are 24th September to 4th October.

Our touring team will play four matches on the trip including an international match against the N.Z. national team.

The first game of the trip will be against Canterbury districts. The next contest will be against combined Southlands-Otago.

The team will then move north and play the third game against Bay of Plenty-Hawk's Bay teams.

The final match will be played in Auckland against the New Zealand National side before they leave for Taiwan.

The programme worked out between our President, Elaine Watson and her New Zealand counterpart, Karen Donaldson, for future years is as follows.

1981 — Provincial tour of N.Z. by Australia; 1982 — Possible visit to Hong Kong for World Cup competition for women; 1983 — Visit to Australia by a N.Z. National team; 1984 — Return visit to N.Z. by Australia; 1985 Nothing arranged yet; 1986 Nothing arranged yet; 1987 — Visit to Australia by N.Z. National team.

Because of the importance of being present at the inaugural meeting in Hong Kong to form the Women's International Soccer Federation, a decision was taken that the President and Secretary of the A.W.S.A. go to represent us.

So that our delegates would not be attending with a lack of information, a copy of the proposed International Constitution has been requested for study by our Association.

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On the 20th September in Canberra, a curtain-raiser before the Philips Cup Final will be played. This was originally set down as an International between Australia and New Zealand but due to the N.Z. team competing in Taiwan, this has had to be changed.

Instead, the match will be played between the Australian Open team and the Australian Youth Team.

As many in the Youth squad are verging on selection in the open team, an interesting game will be held.

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It's gratifying to see that Umbro has again donated the complete NSW State girls' strip. It is firms like this that give women's Soccer such a big boost.

On the same subject of donations, Andrew Clues and his coaching staff of five who are preparing the NSW team have been outfitted with track-suits and shoes by Comet Overnight Transport. This is another example of the increasing interest shown in women's Soccer.

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An idea mentioned earlier this year about an under 15 competition being held on the east coast of Australia seems to be coming true.

Originally arranged by Trixie Barry and Lee Dunbar of the NSW Women's Federation as an under 14 trip for young players between NSW and Queensland, the idea has caught on and now Victoria and Northern NSW also want to get into the act.

Discussion on this being brought into being as an A.W.S.A. project will be discussed soon.

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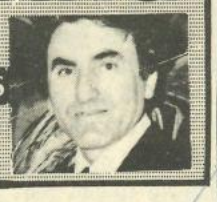
STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS



Hundreds of coaches all over the world are living daily with the fear of being sacked. Two or three bad results are enough to sign their "sentence".

Tom Docherty has shown us that the teams also live with that stress and with the same threat of sacking — when the coach's or manager's value isn't measured in grams but in kilos. In other words the system works both ways with the same results.

It is the second time, if my memory serves me right, that a team which is going well has been sacked by the coach in order for him to go to another which isn't doing well.

Two years ago, Raul Blanco left Melita of the NSW State League, which at that time was in the top level, and went to St. George of the Philips League, which was struggling.

Today, Tommy Docherty is leaving Sydney Olympic, to take over a team in a lower division. That team is Preston North End which from next season will play in the English third division.

Docherty's decision to leave Sydney Olympic in the middle of the season has been discussed in many ways. Some people are happy. Many are disappointed.

Those who are happy are hoping to again get the publicity which was taken from them by Docherty's personality and presence.

Those who are disappointed are the large majority. Not only the Olympians but from all over Australia as well. Because in Docherty's face they saw the beginning of a Soccer revolution in our country. Revolution, which from its first movements attracted people back to the Soccer grounds.

Hot-blooded supporter of aggressive and constructive football, enemy of defensive and catastrophic football, Docherty in six months succeeded in changing the face of a team and presenting it like a well-working machine with all the parts in smooth perfect harmony.

When Docherty first arrived this column wrote: "From Docherty's presence, not only will Sydney Olympic benefit, but Australian Soccer generally." Now I believe that after his departure, not only his team will be the loser, but also Soccer in Australia.

For some, Docherty was the big-mouth, the eccentric, the controversial coach who was more interested in self-presentation than in his team or players.

This view cannot be accepted totally, because the "big" in value and glory have big mouths to match.

We have two examples from the world sports scene: Mohammed Ali in boxing and Brian Clough in Soccer. Was anyone ever in doubt about their value because they have big mouths? After all, how many of our coaches have big mouths not matching their value?

The question which may arise is : "Is it logical of Docherty to leave the team in the middle of the competition, or not?

In my opinion, Docherty has not committed any crime. Like any other independent manager, he did what would benefit him most; what his team would have done if the result wasn't as they expected. To be honest, feelings don't count in Soccer. What counts in this strange and wonderful game are the results and, of course, the money. Nothing else.

"Good luck, Tom, with your next team."

BIG BOYS KNOCKED OUT

Just that happened in Canberra's recent Federation Cup quarter-finals when all of the top four teams were thrashed.

They were Luso, Kambah, Narrabundah and Canberra United.

Left to battle out the semi-final are Downer Olympic, ANU, Weston Creek and Polonai White Eagles.

No date for the semi-finals has yet been fixed but the games are expected to take place in late August or early September.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

BY TOMMY DOCHERTY

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Indonesians gave my team a hard time.

But the 1981 Indonesians looked awful when they played Australia in Melbourne. As for Taiwan and Fiji....surely they should never trouble Australia.

Even the New Zealand side which looked so much better than Australia was - just another football team. Honest workmen, well prepared.

Team selection has been bad. I cannot understand how players, clearly out of touch and playing badly, constantly found their way into the World Cup squad. I don't want to be too specific, but some of the Marconi men should count themselves very fortunate to be wearing Australia's green and gold. Maybe they did play well in the past. But you cannot select players on past achievements. If they're playing badly, drop them.

If a coach persists in selecting out-of-form men, what encouragement is that to the players on the bench waiting for their chance ?

A word about the training routines for the World Cup squad. I believe they were all wrong. Players trained too hard when in camp. At this stage of the season, it is not necessary to make players physically fit. In the summer, certainly, but not when the competition is well advanced.

I cannot understand why Kenny Boden was dropped. He is a talented player and is always liable to pop up and score important goals. How on earth can anyone leave him out of the team ? It has been suggested that Boden was not fit. That being the case, why was he sitting on the bench? You don't have unfit players in a World Cup squad.

Anyway, what must be done now is to look into the future - and that means 1986. If Les Scheinflug is the right man to be national coach, he should be told so now. The fact that nothing is being done to appoint a permanent national coach until October indicates that the ASF does not consider Scheinflug is worthy of the position. At least, the ASF has doubts.

So have I. I am not convinced Scheinflug is the right man for this vital position. I have a feeling he is more likely to select old friends rather than the best players.

So much for the international scene. At club level, I have been very impressed by what I've seen in Australia. You need not be ashamed of your clubs or your players. In particular, the teenage talent is great. I could name half a dozen young players here who could do well in the UK. In fact, I'm going to come back from England and sign a few of them if I can. Players like Peter Katholos, Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and Graham Jennings are well above the average and are fit to hold up their heads in any company.

The clubs in Australia, too, are excellent. Take Marconi for instance. I went there recently and, although I was only a visiting spectator, albeit a coach of another team, I was treated like a king. Marconi is a club with professional administration, sound policies and the ability to do everything correctly. President Tony Labbozzetta is a marvellous man. Maybe he is the type of go-getter Australian Soccer needs at the top to get things sorted out

I'll tell you one thing - and I'm sincere about this. Marconi deserves something much better than it is getting from its players.

Another club I have a lot of time for is South Melbourne. They play like a professional outfit and are probably the best side in the PSL. I think they'll win the title.

I've put a lot of ideas into this final column for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and I hope my comments are accepted in the right spirit. Believe me, it is not my intention to knock Aussie Soccer. I have had a marvellous time since coming here and, in many ways, it'll be a big wrench to leave. So that prompts the next question- . . .why is The Doc quitting to join Preston North End?

Take it from me, it's not for money. It's just a question of returning to the big time. I am still an ambitious man and I'd love to guide Preston back to the top from the depths of the English third division. I'm not getting any younger. I'm 52 now and I certainly don't want to be working after my 60th birthday.

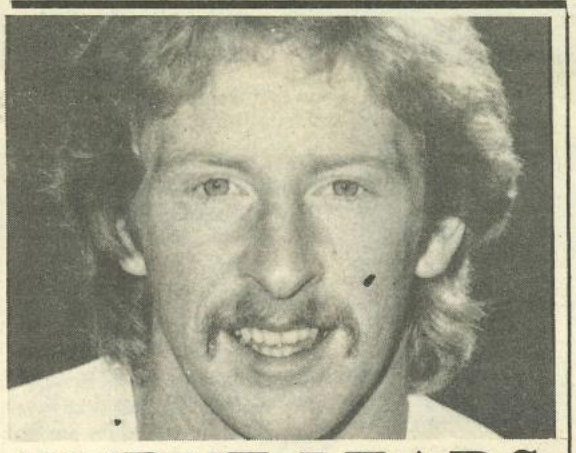
Everyone should have ambitions in life. Right now, Tommy Docherty's ambition is to take North End from the third to the first division. I want them to win the first division title. And I want to take the team into European competition. That's why I'm leaving on Thursday. It is an exciting challenge.

By the way, in answer to the knockers who claim I am letting down Sydney Olympic, I have only one thing to say. You're way off the beam. When I accepted Olympic's kind offer to come here, I knew there would be approaches from British clubs for my services. I warned president John Constantine it would happen. And to safeguard Olympic's investment, I suggested that, if any overseas club DID want to tempt me away from Australia, Olympic should be paid substantial compensation in cash. That's just what is happening, too. Preston will pay $50,000 so I can get a release from my contract. I reckon that's pretty good business for Sydney Olympic.

It hardly suggests that I have let them down in any way.

Right folks. It's been nice knowing you. I'll be back. I still have some unfinished business in Sydney where, in partnership with Roy Pack, I have some coaching plans which I'll be back to attend to.

Have a good weekend. Thank you to ASW for giving me this weekly platform. I hope you've enjoyed my literary ramblings. See you sometime.



BYRNE LEADS

By Steve Burns

Canberra's 22-years-old sweeper and captain Terry Byrne could be one of the most feted — and prized — players in Australia's history at the end of the 1981 season.

He's still leading the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY/MARCONI TRAVEL Player of the Year Award, which offers its magnificent overseas trip by Alitalia for two to Rome, and he is also streets ahead in Canberra's Player of the Year Contest.

A new $7,000-plus Ford Lazer thanks to the generosity of Canberra's original sponsor, Brian Pollock of Brian Pollock Ford.

And that — for a club prize — is great going.

Without Pollock's initial $20,000 sponsorship — subsequently renewed for a further year — there would be no Canberra Arrows.

By now most Soccer fans know that this was a club that began totally from scratch — no ground, no players, no money.

Pollock provided most of the latter with the remainder coming from life membership.

Now the major and generous sponsor at $30,000-plus a year is Lotto.

But Brian Pollock has generously continued his association with the club.

There will, of course, be a much fanfared special award night at the end of the season.

Byrne must be firm favourite to win.

He is still six points clear of striker Tony Brennan and eight ahead of Robert O'Shea.

Against Sydney Olympic, despite a severe nose injury with blood flowing freely for most of the match, he refused to leave the field and was later voted the man of the match.

Canberra, of course, were lucky to keep him. Blacktown almost had him signed and Byrne would have gone — reluctantly — until George Murray intervened and argued Byrne couldn't go until a replacement was found.

Canberra — and Byrne — must now be grateful they didn't part company.

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

Step this way — for a great Presto prize.

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Yes. 2. Sir Arthur George. 3. 24. 4. Wollongong and Preston. 5. Argentinian. 6. West Germany.

The winner was:

Clarence Hill, of 1 Woolgoolga St, North Balgowlah, 2093. He chose the leg of Presto ham.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. How many PSL clubs are there in Queensland ?

2. Name Australia's captain in two matches against New Zealand this year.

3. What team does Brian Clough manage ?

4. Has any nation won the World Cup three times ?

5. Devonshire, Bonds and Brooking play for which London club ?

6. Arsenal, Liverpool and Spurs all wear red jerseys — true or false ?

The winner of this Quiz will be announced in next Tuesday's issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

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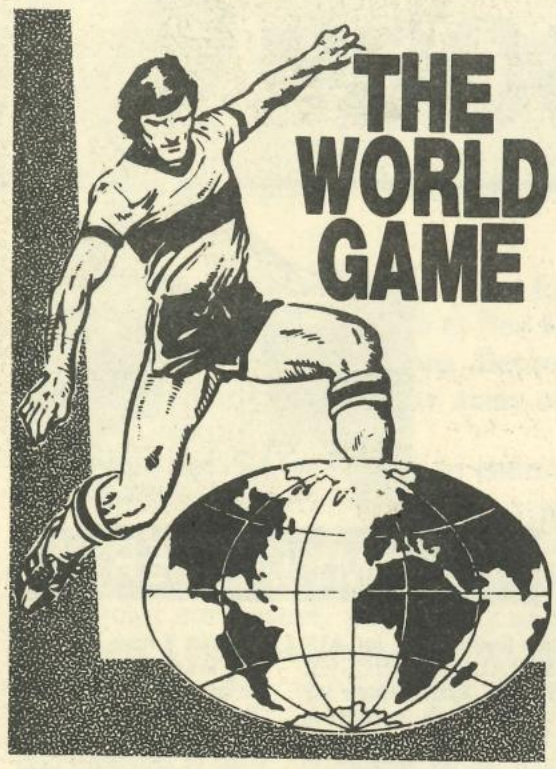
MEAT & SMALLGOODS



ANOTHER GERMAN RETURNS HOME

Rudi Gutendorf is not the only German coach to have been liquidated following his team's poor showing in the World Cup Asia/Oceanic matches.

Malaysia's coach Karl Weigang is now back in Germany after the team performed badly in Asian Group Three.

Malaysia lost 2-1 to a poor South Korea, drew 2-2 with the unrated Thailand and copped a 4-0 hiding from Group winners Kuwait.

Weigang, having worked with the Malaysians for a little less time than Gutendorf did with the Australians, could not survive.

If Mayalsia is unhappy, Kuwait is on top of the world with an outstanding chance of going to Spain next year.

Kuwait, who beat Australia at Sydney Sports Ground in 1977, hastening the end of Jimmy Shoulder's coaching reign, are now coached by Carlos Alberto, former Brazilian World Cup captain.

He succeeded another Brazilian Mario Zagalo, now back in South America.

Carlos Alberto, who is earning enormous money to inspire Kuwait to a place in the Soccer sun, has been building the national side for three years.

He says his ambition is to take the Kuwaits to Spain in 1982.

That ambition will surely be fulfilled.

Bayern Munich — the West German champions. Bayern clinched the title with a resounding 4-1 away win over Borussia Monchengladbach last week, and then beat Uerdingen 4-0 on the weekend, where 130 fans where injured as the crowd surged onto the park to celebrate the title win two minutes before the end of the match. The game was suspended for 10 minutes while the crowd were on the field.

LATTEK A COSTLY COACH

Udo Lattek has finally signed an agreement to coach Barcelona in next season's Spanish League. He will be paid $300,000 over two years.

That doesn't end Barcelona's financial outlay. They must also compensate Lattek's club, Borussia Dortmund — and that will cost another $200,000.

FRANS IS TARGET

Belgian giants Anderlecht have joined A. C. Milan in the chase for England's "footballer of the year," Frans Thijssen of Ipswich Town.

Thijssen will make up his mind in the next few days about whether to move from Ipswich.

The mini-boom in French football appears to have died. Several clubs are reported to be on the verge of bankruptcy, including the famous Reims.

Now it seems Olympique Marseilles are the latest club to feel the cold wind of financial crisis. There is talk of the club folding.

PRIX BRAVO TO SCOT

The Prix Bravo, awarded by Italian football writers to the player most outstanding in the Under 23 age group, has gone to a Scotsman — John Wark of Ipswich Town.

All the more remarkable is the fact that Wark beat an Italian star, Reo Gergoni of Inter Milan, into second place.

Now Wark could poll well in the European "player of the year" voting.

He has already been voted "player of the year" by his fellow professionals in England, largely on the strength of a remarkable 14 goals in this year's UEFA Cup competition.

Those goals equalled a record in European competition set up by Jose Altafini (A. C. Milan) in 1962-63.

Current holder of the European "player of the year" trophy is Karl Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munich.

SAINTS WILL SELL DAVE WATSON

Although some North American clubs are struggling to pay their way, others still have big money available to lure top stars from abroad.

It seems certain that England's first choice centre-half, Dave Watson of Southampton, will be crossing the Atlantic soon.

Southampton, surprisingly, are ready to let him go. They paid West German club Bremen $400,000 for Watson less than two years ago. At 35, Watson expected to finish his career at Southampton.

Watson's international baptism was on an English F.A. tour of Australia 10 years ago.

SLEEPING GIANT — THAT'S AFRICA

For years, people have predicted that Africa would be the next continent to scale the heights in Soccer, but it is taking a long time.

One thing is certain . . . there is great enthusiasm from spectators in several African countries.

When Egypt and Morocco played a 0-0 draw in Cairo in a World Cup elimination game, the attendance was 100,000.

That draw, coupled with a 1-0 Morocco win in the first match, meant the elimination of the Egyptians.

MENOTTI SUFFERS A SETBACK

Bad news for Argentina's World Cup-winning coach Cesar Menotti . . . his star exiles Ricky Villa and Ossie Ardiles are not returning to South America to prepare for the 1982 World Cup challenge.

Menotti wanted them back.

Villa and Ardiles returned from a holiday in Spain and each sined a new two-year contract to stay with Tottenham Hotspur.

"They are two very fine footballers. I am pleased," said Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw.

Villa, who has not had the outstanding success enjoyed by Ardiles at White Hart Lane, was seriously considering asking for a transfer.

His two brilliant goals in the F.A. Cup Final replay against Manchester City, however, made him the darling of the Tottenham fans and convinced him he might as well stay put.

Villa and Ardiles signed their new agreements just before Tottenham took off for a week in Turkey.

DIDI MAKING THE MONEY

Didi, the former famous Brazilian ace, is wanted back in Peru to coach the national side.

On a previous coaching stint with Peru, Didi produced an excellent squad which reached the quarter finals of the 1970 World Cup in Mexico.

Didi, now, is making plenty of money in the Middle East and can afford to make Peru wait.

Another problem for Peru is that some of their best players are abroad and find it difficult getting a realease to play for their country.

EUROPEAN SOCCER . . . RESULTS . . .

FRANCE

Bastia of Corsica upset favourites St Etienne 2-1 in the French F.A. Cup Final at the Parc des Princes Stadium.

It killed St Etienn'es chance of a League championship and Cup double.

St Etienne, chasing their seventh cup in eight years were never in the hunt.

The champions had to revamp their defence after 20 minutes when centre-half Gardon went off.

NASL

J'ville - Washington	1-0
Calgary - Edmonton	1-0

SWITZERLAND

BASLE — N.BASLE	1:1
CHIASOO — LAUSANNE	0:2
NEUCHATEL — LUCERNE	3:0
S. GALLEN — YOUNG BOYS	2:2
SERVETTE — G'HOPPERS	2:1
SION — B'ZONA	3:1
ZURICH — CH.GENEVA	6:0

BULGARIA

SLAVIA — TRAKIA	2:2
AKADEMIK — PIRIN	1:0
BOTEV — LEVSKI SP	2:2
SLIVEN — C'MORETS	1:2
B'SITSA — MINIOR	2:0
CHERNO M - MAREK	3:0
SPARTAK -CSKA	2:2
BEROE — LOKOMOTIV	0:0

LEADING STANDINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
CSKA	29	13	12	4	67	31	38
LEVSKI-SP	29	12	10	7	42	25	34
AKADEMIK	29	13	8	8	42	39	34
TRAKIA	29	14	5	10	60	37	33
SPARTAK	29	12	7	10	35	37	31

AUSTRIA

SPORTCLUB — VOEST	0:3
RAPID — SALZBURG	1:0
GAK — AD WACKER	2:2
E'STADT AUS — WIEN	0:3

HUNGARY

UJPEST — DIOSGYOR	2:0
VIDEOTON MTK	2:2
F'VAROS — PECS	4:0
CSEPEL T'BANYA	0:1
N'HAZA — HONVED	0:0
DEBRECEN — VOLAN	2:0
KAPOSVAR — VASAS	2:0

LEADING STANDINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
F'CVAROS	33	21	8	4	74	32	50
VASAS	33	18	10	5	68	36	46
T'BANYA	33	18	10	5	48	25	46
VIDEOTON	33	19	6	8	60	36	44
HONVED	33	15	11	7	56	36	41

YUGOSLAVIA

Red Star Belgrade won the Yugoslav Championship

FINAL-ROUND:

RED STAR — PARTIZAN	1:1
V'VODINA — Z'NICAR	3:1
NAPREDAK — SLOBODA	2:3
BUDUCNOST — BORAC	1:1
SARAJEVO — RIJEKA	2:1
HAJDUK — RADNICKI	3:3
OLIMPIJA — VARDAR	0:1
DINAMO — VELEZ	5:2

OFK Beograd vs Zagreb was halted in the 22nd minute because of an attack on the referee by players.

FINAL PLACINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
RED STAR	34	15	14	5	62	31	44
HAJDUK	34	16	10	8	57	37	42
RADNICKI	34	13	15	6	39	28	41
SLOBODA	34	14	8	12	46	50	36
DINAMO	34	12	11	11	44	38	35

GREECE

Olympiakos won the Championship.

FINAL ROUND:

O'PIAKOS — A'MITOS	3:1
PAOK — P'RAIKOS	3:3
P'NAIKOS — APOLON	5:1
OFI — AEK	3:1
PANIONIOS — YANNINA	1:0
KORINTHOS — DOXA	2:1
PANACHAIKI — ARIS	1:0
LARISSA — ETHNIKOS	3:1

FINAL STANDINGS:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
O'PIAKOS	20	9	5	47	18	49
AEK	17	10	7	63	42	44
ARIS	16	11	7	57	33	43
PAOK	15	12	7	52	31	42
P'AIKOS	13	13	8	44	21	39

Atromitos (Athens) and Panachaiki (Patras) relegated to second division, Iraklis and Rodos go up.

HUNGARY

Ujpest - Z'gerszeg	3-0
Honved - Videoton	1-0
Diosgyor - Kaposvar	1-1
Vasas - Raba Eto	5-1
B'scsaba - Csepel	4-2
Volan - F'varos	1-3
Debrecen - Tatabanya	0-1
MTK-VM - N'gyhaza	1-2
Pecs - D'varos	2-0

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Cheb - Sp Praha	1-0
Cheb - Loco Kosice	1-3
S-H Kralove - Zbr Brno	4-1
Bo Praha - Pl Nitra	1-0
Inter Brat - B Ostyrava	1-0
Dukla B-B - Slo Brat	0-0
Sl Praha - Dukla Praha	1-3
ZTS Kosice - S.Trnava	2-5

WORLD CUP

EUROPEAN SECTION

GROUP 1

Following Austria's victory over Bulgaria in Vienna, the issue of two qualifiers seem to be settled. With two points more than Bulgaria and yet to face Finland and West Germany at home as well as Bulgaria in Sofia, the Austrians are almost certain to join West Germany in Spain '82.

TABLE

WEST GERMANY	4	4	0	0	11:1	8
AUSTRIA	5	4	0	1	10:2	8
BULGARIA	5	3	0	2	9:3	6
ALBANIA	5	1	0	4	3:10	2
FINLAND	5	0	0	5	0:14	0

Austria will play Finland at home on June 17, then 10 weeks rest will follow before the following games are played:

2 Sep: FINLAND - ALBANIA
23 Sep: WEST GERMANY - FINLAND
14 Oct: AUSTRIA - WEST GERMANY
ALBANIA - BULGARIA
2 Nov: WEST GERMANY - BULGARIA
11 Nov: BULGARIA - AUSTRIA
18 Nov: WEST GERMANY - ALBANIA

GROUP 2

The situation is far from resolved and any of the top four teams in this group have a good chance of getting to Spain. There is also a strong possibility of Holland, twice world vice-champions, missing out on the place amongst the last 24.

TABLE

BELGIUM	6	4	0	2	10:6	9
REP OF IRELAND	6	3	1	2	12:7	7
FRANCE	4	3	0	1	12:3	6
HOLLAND	5	3	0	2	6:3	6
CYPRUS	7	0	0	7	4:25	0

Next games:

9 Sep: HOLLAND - REP OF IRELAND
BELGIUM - FRANCE
14 Oct: HOLLAND - BELGIUM
REP OF IRELAND - FRANCE
18 Nov: FRANCE - HOLLAND
5 Dec: FRANCE - CYPRUS

GROUP 3

Despite their impressive record so far, Wales do not appear certain to go to Spain. Both Czechoslovakia and USSR are yet to play Wales at home, and much will depend on the outcome between the two Eastern European countries when they meet on 28 October, and then on 30 November this year.

TABLE

WALES	5	4	1	0	10:0	9
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	4	3	0	1	9:2	6
USSR	3	2	1	0	7:1	5
ICELAND	5	1	0	4	5:18	2
TURKEY	5	0	0	5	1:11	0

NEXT GAMES:

2 Sep: ICELAND - TURKEY
9 Sep: CZECHOSLOVAKIA - WALES
23 Sep: USSR - TURKEY
ICELAND - CZECHOSLOVAKIA
14 Oct: WALES - ICELAND
17 Oct: TURKEY - USSR
28 Oct: USSR - CZECHOSLOVAKIA
28 Nov: USSR - WALES
30 Nov: CZECHOSLOVAKIA - USSR

GROUP 4

England is still hanging in their thanks to that great win over Hungary in Budapest, but they must win their two remaining matches if they wish to travel to Spain.

Romania on six points appear certain to go with three games to play, two of each are at home and one away to Switzerland.

So it is between Hungary and England for the second spot in this group and it could well be a grand final for both teams at Wembley on November 18.

TABLE

ENGLAND	6	3	1	2	11:6	7
ROMANIA	5	2	2	1	4:3	6
HUNGARY	4	2	1	1	6:6	5
SWITZERLAND	4	1	1	2	6:7	3
NORWAY	5	1	1	3	4:9	3

NEXT GAMES:

17 Jun: NORWAY - SWITZERLAND
23 Sep: ROMANIA - HUNGARY
29 Sep: NORWAY - ENGLAND
10 Oct: ROMANIA - SWITZERLAND
31 Oct: HUNGARY - NORWAY
11 Nov: SWITZERLAND - ROMANIA
18 Nov: ENGLAND - HUNGARY

GROUP 5

Group five appears to have two clearcut finalists, despite Italy's setback in Denmark.

Yugoslavia and Italy should reach Spain.

TABLE

ITALY	5	4	0	1	9:3	8
YUGOSLAVIA	4	3	0	1	12:4	6
DENMARK	6	3	0	3	10:7	6
GREECE	5	3	0	2	6:7	6
LUXEMBOURG	6	0	0	6	1:17	0

GROUP 6

Scotland and Portugal look set to take their places from group six following Sweden's triumph over Northern Ireland.

TABLE

SCOTLAND	5	3	2	0	6:2	8
NORTHERN IRELAND	6	2	2	2	5:3	6
PORTUGAL	4	2	1	1	4:1	5
SWEDEN	5	1	2	2	2:5	4
ISRAEL	6	0	2	4	2:8	2

GROUP 7

East Germany and Poland will do battle for the 13th spot European nations were allocated (excluding Spain) on October 10 in East Germany.

TABLE

POLAND	2	2	0	0	3:0	4
EAST GERMANY	2	1	0	1	2:2	2
MALTA	2	0	0	2	1:4	0

PHILIPS CUP

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS (Round 3)
DATE: Tuesday, June 16. KICK-OFF: 7.30 pm.
VENUE: Sydney Sportsground.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V ADELAIDE GIANTS (Quarter-final)
DATE: Wednesday, June 17. KICK-OFF: 7.30 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Park.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V BRISBANE GLADIATORS (Quarter-final)
DATE: Wednesday, June 17. KICK-OFF: 7.30 pm.
VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium.

LEICHHARDT V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

By Alex Vesic

Olympians let themselves down against Leichhardt last time the two sides met at Pratten Park. So many chances went astray as the young Olympians benevolently lost control of their shots in front of goal.

Leichhardt took theirs and that was the ball game.

On this occasion, neither side will go into this encounter playing for a point. The winner goes on, and the loser will say goodbye to the Cup comp this year.

Tommy Docherty versus Willie Wallace. One Celtic man of old against another. Both prefer attacking Soccer and for those wishing to see high drama and a lot of entartainment, the Sportsground is the place to be.

Soccer gourmets may not get the finesse of the Latins, nor the perfection and precession of Dutch or German Soccer, but they'll certainly get their money's worth.

Kafka with his superb touches, O'Connor with agility and ball control, Wilson and Pullen with some great defensive work and Woodhouse at the back to stop it all, will face an eager and fast Sydney Olympians.

Raskopoulos, Katholos, Ziras, Laing, Koussas, Wilson, you name it . . . they can change the game in one swift move and that is why their crowd comes in droves this year.

Will this be a farewell present by Tommy Docherty to this great Greek following? Or will his foe, Willie Wallace, triumph again?

Stability appears to be on the side of Leichhardt and despite some good showings by the Olympians lately, I'll again give my nod to Leichhardt, but by a mere goal.

WEST ADELAIDE V BRISBANE CITY

By Brad Earl

Brisbane City seem to have been given an armchair ride into the final stages of their favourite competition. After their first two games against lower league opposition, they now meet lowly West Adelaide, who are also meeting PSL opposition for the first time in the Cup.

West Adelaide, despite playing at home, shouldn't give too many headaches to the Brisbanites, who must fancy their chances of grabbing the Philips Cup, which they collared in 1977 and '78.

The Gladiators have a very workmanlike side, with the team virtually unchanged week after week. The fact that most of the players have been together for quite a number of years, like Billy Wilkinson, Ratcliffe, Perry, Caldwell, Gaffney, and Pimblett, is the biggest reason why they are flying high this year. Another major factor was the astute addition of Paul Wilkinson and Jimmy Dunne at the start of the season.

West Adelaide have been unable to spin together that sort of consistancy. At the moment their biggest concern is PSL survival after finishing second last in 1980. A Cup run would be handy to their morale, but I think they will make their exit at this point.

PAUL WILKINSON

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V ADELAIDE GIANTS

By Greg Blake

What a difference a single season can make in this fickle sport of Soccer. Less than 12 months ago Adelaide City were given an almost impossible task in their Philips Cup quest when they were drawn to come to Melbourne to meet the team considered by many at the time to be the most dangerous in Australia — Heidelberg United.

The struggling Giants did an extraordinary job against the mighty Warriors by holding their positively lethal strike-force goalless throughout 90 minutes and extra-time, only to make their exit on penalties.

City's job then was to come to Melbourne primarily to hold the Warriors, and hope for the best.

Now, in June 1981, the identical Cup-tie, in a quarter-final, is in complete contrast to the one we expected last season. The boot, as they say, is on the other foot.

Heidelberg, for a number of reasons (mostly unknown), have had a season just a little better than pathetic so far. As far as the League goes, they are in deep trouble, with little between themselves and that ominous "black hole" that sees a drop back to State League competition.

As Heidelberg were top overall scorers last season when these two met, this time it is the cocky, confident and exciting young Giants who hold the mantle — and quite rightly too.

Quite apart from the startling talents of David Mitchell and Charlie Villani, etc (they also say there's a young fellow by the name of Manou about to make his mark), there are some older heads finding their feet once again.

Whether the long over-due return of Len McKendry can help the ailing Warriors at this late stage is hard to say but I'm quite sure that Adcity's defence, led by the best full-back in the country in Bobby Russell, will have no trouble with a still very much out-of-touch Heidelberg side.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS V ADELAIDE HAWKS
DATE: Sunday, June 21. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: International Sports Centre.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Rennie. Linesmen - J. Tattersall, B. Ray.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS V BLACKTOWN DEMONS
DATE: Sunday, June 21. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Lambert Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - H. Witschge. Linesmen - B. Fowler, K. Tooke.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES V BRISBANE LIONS
DATE: Sunday, June 21. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: W.ll.ng.ng Showground.
OFFICIALS: Referee - G. Power. Linesmen - K. Small, M. Loupis.

STH MELBOURNE GUNNERS V FOOTSCRAY EAGLES
DATE: Sunday, June 21. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Middle Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Fearn. Linesmen - D. Voutsinas, J. Brennan.

PRESTON RAMS V HEIDELBERG WARRIORS
DATE: Sunday, June 21. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: C.nner Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Bambridge. Linesmen - D. Fokianos, N. Karlich

ADELAIDE GIANTS V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS
DATE: Sunday, June 21. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Sports Field.
OFFICIALS: Referee - G. Neal. Linesmen - T. Martell, K. Stokes.

BRISBANE GLADIATORS V MARCONI LEOPARDS
DATE: Sunday, June 21. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Spencer Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Rodway. Linesmen - D. Klose, A. Kibler.

SYDNEY SLICKERS V CANBERRA ARROWS
DATE: Sunday, June 21. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Sydney Athletic Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Boskovic. Linesmen - R. Bart.n, P. Wood.

MARCONI LEOPARDS V NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS
DATE: Wednesday, June 17. KICK-OFF: 7.30 pm.
VENUE: Marc.ni Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Lorenc. Linesmen - B. Fowler, P. Hafey.

Soccer Terms explained: No. 10

A Penalty.

Should a player commit an infringement within the "penalty-area"—a defined space extending from the goal line into the field of play—a penalty kick is awarded from the penalty mark 12 yards from mid-point of the goal line. The goal keeper must stand on the goal line without moving his feet until the ball is kicked.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

PRESTON V HEIDELBERG

By Greg Blake

Thanks to the powers that be at ASW I've been assigned the unenviable task of previewing Heidelberg.

Unenviable when you consider that last year, on the occasions I saw them, their majestic, cultured yet exciting brand of Soccer was delightful to watch.

And more importantly, a number of the players I consider friends, and it is difficult indeed to critise any players at any time, let alone personal acquaintances!

Fortunately I have rarely seen the Warriors this season but everyone, myself included, is well aware of their amazing decline to a point where they can do little now, apart from hope that Len McKendry can re-build the team enough so as to make a challenge in 1982.

Preston are one team I have seen this season many times. And erratic, and often disappointing as they are, I feel they will repeat their first round victory over the Warriors at Conner Reserve this Sunday.

They've added some much-needed "steel" to their defence, have a midfield as capable, and a damn sight more exciting than most in the PSL and when Cullen, Brown, Ollerton and McMillan get going up front there is very little anyone can do about it.

The only problem is that they don't get going often enough. Sometimes for 10 or 20 minutes, on occasions not at all.

But the way Heidelberg are playing, Preston will only have to play for 10 minutes and that should be enough to win themselves two points.

It just seems a sad state of affairs when two of the potentially best sides in the country are meeting in a game that rates little better than a relegation clash.

LEICHHARDT V BLACKTOWN

By Alex Vesic

Last time these two clubs met, at the Gabbie Stadium, Strikers trimphed by one goal to nil, but were beaten all ends up throughout the game and were certainly very lucky to get both points.

It was a strange game indeed, for I expected Leichhardt to attack and look far more positive, as they did against Blacktown last season at Lambert Park. Alas, our expectations seldom come through, and that has been the case every time these two sides met.

Judging their form and ability, I would have to give Leichhardt's defence the nod as the more stable one, but by the same token, Blacktown's forwards and in particular Paul Burrows showed more aggression and fire in matches I have seen this year than Leichhardt's forwards.

Zdenko Kafka, a superb distributor, will cause Rale's Demons some concern and one must expect to see Stuart Selvage follow Kafka all over the park. Hopefully, not to the dinner after the game, as almost happened at the Gabbie.

Return of Butler, good form of young Soper and enterprising play of O'Connor could provide some fireworks for the home side. Add the fleet-footed Morsello to this lot and troubles will be aplenty for the visitors.

Blacktown in turn have their own brand of fire power. O'Donnell will have something to prove to his ex-coach, while Jovan Djordjevic, Peter Jones and Burrows are bound to extend Mr Wilson and Co.

Sharing the points in a high scoring game is my tip.

MARCONI V NEWCASTLE

By Brad Earl

Many people thought Newcastle's guest star, Mick Channon, would play on Sunday at Blacktown, but he didn't. There is a better chance, however, that he will turn out for KB against Marconi at Marconi Stadium tomorrow night.

Newcastle will be in for a difficult time against the Marconi sideshow of internationals, but I feel they will have the measure of the Fairfielders.

The game should be decided in the middle of the park. The day Marconi's trio of Housseini, Picioane (who could be out on Wednesday night), and Byrne fires at once, and not one at a time, could see Marconi in for a good win. But if Sumner and Senkalski gain the ascendancy for Newcastle, the visitors could be the ones going home with the goodies.

Channon up front could bring out the best of the likes of Mountford, Jones and Heys, and the KB defence will certainly put in a strong display against the sadly out of tune Marconi attack.

So it should be an interesting match tomorrow night, with both teams in desperate need of the points, and it may be that man Channon, if he plays, who could swing things Newcastle's way.

BRISBANE CITY V MARCONI

By Wally Bruce

For the first time since the PSL began, the Brisbane Gladiators look like starting favourites in a match against Marconi, this time at Spencer Park next Sunday.

Two clubs have waged some pretty stirring battles over the years since 1977 ever since Marconi downed the Gladiators 1-0 in their very first PSL match that year.

In all that time, the Gladiators have beaten Marconi only twice in Brisbane.

The first time was at the end of 1977, when City won their first Philips Cup Final, on penalties.

The only other occasion was last season, and ironically it was one of only four matches (the others were against Sydney City, Heidelberg and Leichhardt) City won all year.

In that 1980 match, the Gladiators had Kevin Low sent off after only 20 minutes yet still managed to win 2-1 against all odds.

This time, the Gladiators will have nothing like those odds against them, as this season they are pressing for the title and Marconi will have to become the first team to win at Spencer Park this year.

John McVeigh looks to have worked his way back into a permanent spot in the City forward line and coach George Potter will have to decide what to do if Steve Perry is fit again as Kevin Caldwell has been one of his most consistent defenders.

Marconi are still near the top teams despite having their most chequered season ever, but have conceded more goals than they have scored.

The Gladiators looked likely to lose their unbeaten record in the last home game against Sydney City yet rode out the storm to win 2-0.

Raul Blanco's team have to take the initiative early or Potter's men will continue on their winning Spencer Park way.

ADELAIDE GIANTS V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

By Tom McKain

There should be goals galore and then some, when Giants take on the Olympians at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

Tommy Docherty should have left our shores by the weekend, but as Olympians' coach he practised his belief that attack is the best method of defence.

And with Giants now established as a goal-scoring machine, fans should be in for a shot-a-minute game.

Olympic have been playing four men up front when attacking under Docherty, while Giants' chief Bob D'Ottavi doesn't mind if six of his charges overflow into the visitors' goal area.

If both clubs stick to their attacking policies the fans will see Soccer entertainment at its best.

Kenny Wilson, Roy Cotton, Peter Katholos, Mark Koussas and Peter Raskopoulos are the men who could do the damage for Olympians, while Giants will be looking again to the gangling David Mitchell to spearhead the attack with Johnny Nyskouhus and Brian Northcote backing up, and Gary Marocchi, Glen Dods and Sergio Melta, or Charlie Villani, coming from midfield.

If all goes according to shooting plans the two goalkeepers — Olympians' Peter Wilson and Giants' Jack Pryzbylski — will be the heroes or villians of the afternoon.

Most pressure will be on Przybylski, playing his first full game in front of the home fans since being signed from Croatia five weeks ago as a back-up for Peter Marshall, who will watch from the sidelines with his broken left leg in plaster.

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS V WEST ADELAIDE

By Ian Smith

The "new look" Newcastle, playing their third match in eight days, should be primed up and ready to go. Relaxation of the previous strict policy for wingers had undoubtedly put more bite into the forward line though occasionally Raiders have been left wanting on the flanks.

The result of the mid-week Marconi fixture may have some bearing on the defensive line-up as Newcastle will undoubtedly have been severely tested against a hungry, if out of form, set of strikers. Nonetheless, the accent has swung to artistry and I do not believe that this radical change will be reversed — thank goodness!

If Newcastle are at last displaying talent then West Adelaide Hawks may be their perfect partners in entertainment.

Peter Jaksa must have worked out some answers to the questions of consistency that faced him when he started. The lack of it could have something to do with the vastly differing styles of some of their players.

While I have always been impressed with their skill as individuals, the Hawks players have often left me wondering whether they always understand the motives of their fellow players. If they don't, and I suspect this is the case on some occasions, then this could well hamper efforts to wield them into a consistent combination.

As for a prediction for this particular fixture, I must go for the Raiders due to the recent displays by their inspired midfield trio as I believe that the recent heavy schedule will give them that extra fitness and sharpness that they have lacked in the past and also help them to ward off injuries.

The margin will depend on the visitors but don't be surprised if West Adelaide find the net at least once in what should be a flowing, entertaining game.

SOUTH MELBOURNE V FOOTSCRAY

By John Field

South Melbourne MAY be the best team in the Philips Soccer League but recent results do not substantiate that rating.

Last Sunday's 0 — 0 draw against Heidelberg at Olympic Park was South's fifth successive match without a win. That's hardly championship form.

Even so, I have a feeling the Melbourne team is due to bounce back to its best. The side is too good to drift from week to week without winning.

Next Sunday, coach John Margaritis and his men have an excellent opportunity to reverse the recent trend. They should beat Footscray and probably have goals to spare as they do it.

Footscray have little to offer — a few skilful ball players, so typical of any Yugoslav product — and dour defence which has frustrated many an opposing team.

Even their greatest fans see little in prospect for Footscray this year, indeed they seem resigned to the normal backs-to-the-wall battle to climb clear of relegation.

This is the type of match which must be won by South Melbourne if they are going to make a successful title challenge. There are too many clubs jostling at the top of the PSL to permit the luxury of a slip-up against lowly-rated opponents.

In fact, only two points separate the leaders, South Melbourne, and the sixth-placed Brisbane City.

That's good for the game and it brings promise of a great second half of the season.

I've a hunch Souths will be still up there when it's all over . . . but only if teams of the calibre of Footscray are convincingly overcome.

SYDNEY CITY V CANBERRA

By Keith Gilmour

When old friends Slickers' Eddie Thomson and Arrows' George Murray met in the first round there were fireworks.

Few expected a 2-0 result to the Arrows, but a repeat of that famous victory will not come easy at the Athletic Field.

But if ever the Arrows need to produce something out of the hat to reinforce their premiership claims, it is in this match.

Right from the start of his appointment with the club, George Murray planned for consistency in performances.

He got it to a degree, especially since Ian Gibson and Ian Purdie arrived, but there have been those slip-ups at vital moments.

With Duncan Cole back from New Zealand and Richard Wilson and Steve Hoszowski pressing for the goalkeeping spot, Canberra are a lively outfit.

Both sides have excellent sharp-shooters on their days, and neither side will concede to the other in the strength of their defence.

But can the Slickers' Ian Souness, Jim Patikas and Murray Barnes be tamed in midfield?

It could be that they will come up against Don McLaren, Ian Purdie and John O'Shea. Whoever it is, sparks will certainly fly and the result could well be sealed in that area.

But, on the other hand, will it be Kenny Boden who breaks loose to stamp his delicate but definite authority on the outcome? This should be a game well worth seeing.

EDDIE THOMSON

WOLLONGONG V BRIS. LIONS

By Phil Murphy

Wollongong supporters have been waiting patiently since March 1 for the Wolves to win a game at home — and coach Ken Morton is confident Brisbane Lions will be the victims.

Wollongong now have a settled combination with Arno Bertogna having had time to settle into the defence and Clive Campbell is due for a big game on the right wing.

The Bertogna-Dunleavy defensive combination could hold the key to the result, because Brisbane like to push players forward — home or away.

Brisbane also have plenty of talent in defence with the enthusiastic Jim Harmiston playing as well as ever, Colin Bennett providing the strength and Alan Niven the skill and drive.

Campbell and Niven had a great struggle when the teams drew 1-1 in Brisbane earlier in the season.

If Campbell is on form and Tredinnick can create gaps on the other side of the field, Wollongong must start favourites.

In their last home game, Wollongong scored first but then lost concentration and went down 4-3 to Heidelberg.

Morton says there will be no further lapses of this kind and feels the long-suffering fans will have something to cheer in this game.

TWO TEAMS TENTATIVE

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane Lions and Leichhardt each moved gingerly up the table with a point each from this scoreless draw which, while not a spectacular affair, had its exciting moments.

With Bob Latchford still on the sidelines, Lions were never any real hope of maintaining their recent heavy scoring at home.

The forward line of Craig Low, Calvin Daunt and Mark McNaughton worked manfully, but was kept generally in check by Peter Wilson, Col McAusland and agile goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

Woodhouse certainly had much more to do than his counterpart Nigel Lownds, and in the second half brilliantly saved thundering shots from Jim McLean and Steve Hogg, which he tipped over the bar.

Lions other main chances were a Daunt side-footer, which sizzled over the bar and another Daunt shot in the second half which was blocked by the packed Leichhardt defence.

Leichhardt's main chance towards the end was the always present hope that Phil O'Connor might be able to break away to produce something.

But on the day he had very little support from disappointing youngsters Marshall Soper and Tony Morsello, the former eventually being replaced by Billy Pirie.

Lownds will continue to have few worrying moments in the remaining matches while the Lions defence maintains its high level of consistency.

Big Col Bennett was a little shaky early but slotted into the groove to win almost every heading duel as the match progressed.

As for Hermiston, he is "Mr Consistency" himself. One of the oldest players in the team, Hermiston's mobility, whether racing back to pick up the crumbs or charging forward to lend support in attack, would leave most players for dead.

In view of the goals the Lions supporters have seen in recent weeks, this match was a disappointment, and as the home side, they must regard it as a point lost.

They will be praying diligently that Bob Latchford is ready for a belated comeback when the Lions take on the their next home hurdle, the slightly faltering leaders South Melbourne.

LIONS: Lownds, Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett, Hogg, Odgen, McLean, Ferris, Low, Daunt, McNaughton.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, McAusland, Wilson, Pullen (McKie, 45th), Hughes, Coyne, Kafka, Bradley, Soper (Pirie, 73rd), Morsello, O'Connor.

REFEREE: J. Reeves.

GIANTS RUN RIOT

By Alex Vesic

Adelaide City, the side which was beaten so soundly some six days ago in Sydney, came back to the capital city of NSW to make life miserable for Marconi at Bossley Park, winning four goals to one.

Adelaide City sauntered through the first half scoring four goals with ease and then fought with some stubbornness to deny Marconi an answer in the second half.

Justin Fashanu, a million pounds-plus worth of English Soccer talent, didn't play for the Giants because he couldn't get his clearance from England in time. But it made very little difference as Adelaide City went about their business demolishing Marconi with ease.

John Perin's outfit hit Marconi with some fine precision attacking football which left Marconi's keeper, Alan Maher helpless.

Bobby Russell's cross after only 60 seconds was met by the new Socceroo, David Mitchell, and the Black and Whites were one up and on their way to victory.

Charlie Villani made it 2-0 after 20 minutes with a superb drive then Villani made a vital pass which led to Gary Marocchi's great 25-metre shot to make it 3-0 to the visitors with 38 minutes of the game gone.

Adelaide City broke out of their defence to pave the way for Brian Northcote who made no mistake with his shot which gave the visitors an unassailable four-goal lead after 43 minutes.

Second half of this Bossley Park encounter belonged to Marconi but, alas, for all their attacking flair, Marconi only managed a single goal by Mark Jankovics following a superb move by Joe Picioane and that was the ball game as far as the scoring was concerned.

Marconi's men showed heart in the second half but no team could win a game on a 45-minute effort and that is the crux of the matter.

Adelaide City's composure and purpose which brought them five goals against Blacktown at the Gabbie Stadium and another four at Bossley Park makes them one of the favoured teams to take this year's premiership. Their effort is largely due to composure and a skilful attacking style that has been the style of the Giants in the last few years.

Teams: Marconi: Maher, Degney, Henderson, Prskalo, Mariani, Byrne, Housseini, Picioane (Johnston 74), Jankovics, Krncevic, Sharne.

Adelaide City: Przybylski, Russell, B Nyskohus, Manou, Jones, Villani, Northcote (Melta 69), Perin (Miller 53), Marocchi, J Nyskohus, Mitchell.

Referee: T Davies.

UNLUCKY FOOTSCRAY

by Frank Petrovic

Footscray must be thinking nothing will ever go right for them in this season of depression in the Philips League.

Against Wollongong Wolves on Sunday, the Melbourne side turned on some crowd-pleasing football — as if to answer their many critics — and merited success. Alas, that was not to be. Wollongong escaped from jail with only three minutes left for play when Lee Adam banged in a penalty kick for a 1-1 draw.

Local fans rated this as Footscray's best attacking performance for a long time.

The penalty award was not an open-and-shut case when a shot from Kiwi international Clive Campbell hit Jim Kondarios on the hand. But referee Bob Mee decided to award a penalty kick for hands.

That was the black spot as far as Footscray were concerned but before then, there were many brighter moments for the home team.

They carved out plenty of goalscoring openings which should have brought a Footscray victory but their goal didn't arrive until 10 minutes from the end.

It was scored by Johann Verweij, who had been signed on loan from Brisbane Lions only the previous day. Verweij is yet another of the New Zealand internationals now playing in the PSL.

He should be a valuable recruit for Footscray in the desperate fight to avoid relegation.

Verweij constantly worried the Wolves defence, going close to scoring on a couple of occasions even though he was tightly marked by $14,000 Socceroo Arno Bertogna. Wollongong survived enormous pressure and goalkeeper Jim Preston saved them a few times.

Yet Wollongong also had a few winning chances — their best effort coming from Jeff Ainsworth, a former Liverpool professional, who rattled the crossbar with a great shot after 35 minutes.

Jim McBreen did well in the Wolves front line but the NSW team could count itself fortunate to have picked up this point.

The very wet pitch at Schintler Reserve was a severe handicap for both teams.

STORMY TIME FOR TONY BOSKOVIC

Referee Tony Boskovic will surely remember Tommy Docherty's last Philips League match with Sydney Olympic - and so will The Doc.

By David Jack

Rarely have I heard any referee so strongly abused by any coach. And, this despite the fact that Docherty's team, Sydney Olympic,picked up the points in a 2 - 1 defeat of Preston Rams.

"We won, so it's not sour grapes," said Docherty, adding, "in all my career as player and coach, I don't know when I've been so annoyed about a refereeing display. I don't know how Boskovic can sleep at night."

Docherty said more, much more, but I won't repeat it here. He was a very angry man.

What caused all the trouble ? Mainly it was one incident - after 78 minutes - when Mark Koussas was brought down in the penalty area. It seemed an obvious penalty kick but "Bosko" didn't give it. The score was 2 - 1 in Olympic's favour and a penalty at that stage would have put the issue beyond doubt.

At other times during the match, the referee upset some fans as well as players in both teams. Let's just say it was not one of Tony's better days!

Sydney Olympic should never have needed to sweat over a penalty decision that went against them. They were completely in command for most of the time and, as is normal for them this season, they missed at least four or five simple goalscoring chances.

Strangely enough, Preston had two good openings before any goals were on the board. In the 20th minute, Allan Whittle burst through and it took a great save from Peter Wilson to prevent his scoring. Ten minutes later, Doug Brown hit the crossbar with a first-time shot.

Then Olympic took command. They scored twice before half-time through Koussas and Graham Jennings and, although Whittle pulled back a goal after 70 minutes, it was really one-way traffic in a second half of sustained Olympic aggression.

I counted five not-too-difficult goal chances in the space of seven minutes but, as so often this season, Olympic could not bury the ball in the net.

It was thrilling stuff, the sort of football the fans at Pratten Park have come to expect during the Docherty era.

Preston were a big disappointment. Whittle looked the part and goalkeeper Lou Kastner made some spectacular saves, but there was not very much else to enthuse about.

Sydney Olympic had several outstanding players, probably the best of them being Jennings, Katholos, Moulis and Kenny Wilson although, to be honest, hardly a man in the team failed.

Four minutes from the end, Tony Boskovic sent Brown to the dressing room for allegedly saying something out of place.

There was another good turnout of spectators, the official figure being 6,150.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC : P.Wilson, Moulis, Ziras (Cotton 59 mts),Rowden, Scott, Raskopoulos, K.Wilson, Katholos, Laing, Koussas, Jennings.

PRESTON : Kastner, Rainey, McMillan, Flavell, Lucchesi, Faulkner (Little 50 mts), Petrovski (Higham 74), Brown, McCluskey, Ollerton, Whittle.

REFEREE : A.Boskovic.

"DAVO'S PENALT

by Alan R

ANDY BOZIKAS (LEFT) AND BRANKO BULJEVIC PLAYIN

South Melbourne should have won this Victorian "derby" in the 23rd minute when they failed to score with a penalty kick taken by Socceroo Alan Davidson.

No team can afford to squander penalties wantonly — particularly when the struggle for the Philips League premiership is such a closely-fought affair.

The penalty was given for hand ball by Arthur McMillan of Heidelberg. Davidson hit his spot kick too softly and too near goalkeeper Jeff Olver who delighted all the Heidelberg supporters by saving.

Bearing in mind some of the terrible football served up by Heidelberg this season, Sunday's valuable point against an excellent team like South, might well be the turning point.

The belated re-engagement of Len McKendry as coach — why was he ever allowed to leave after last year's magnificent grand final? — could be the tonic the team needs to start climbing the table.

McKendry may be a controversial character. He may upset some people in high places. But he certainly gets results as his record at club and representative level indicates.

Jimmy Rooney, who reverts to player status instead of being player-coach, is a proclaimed McKendry admirer. Rooney rates McKendry as Australia's top coach and if anyone can steer Heidelberg away from the relegation horrors, that man is Len McKendry.

His influence on the side was obvious against South Melbourne but, of course, there is a long way to go.

Souths have now played five times without a win . . . a most unusual run of outs for a team tipped by many experts to be 1981 PSL premiers.

The signing of New Zealand World Cup star Steve Wooddin has not had the impact expected but he is clearly a talented striker and must soon get among the goals.

If Wooddin is having difficulty getting his name on the goalscoring charts, Gary Cole is another well-credentialled South Mel-

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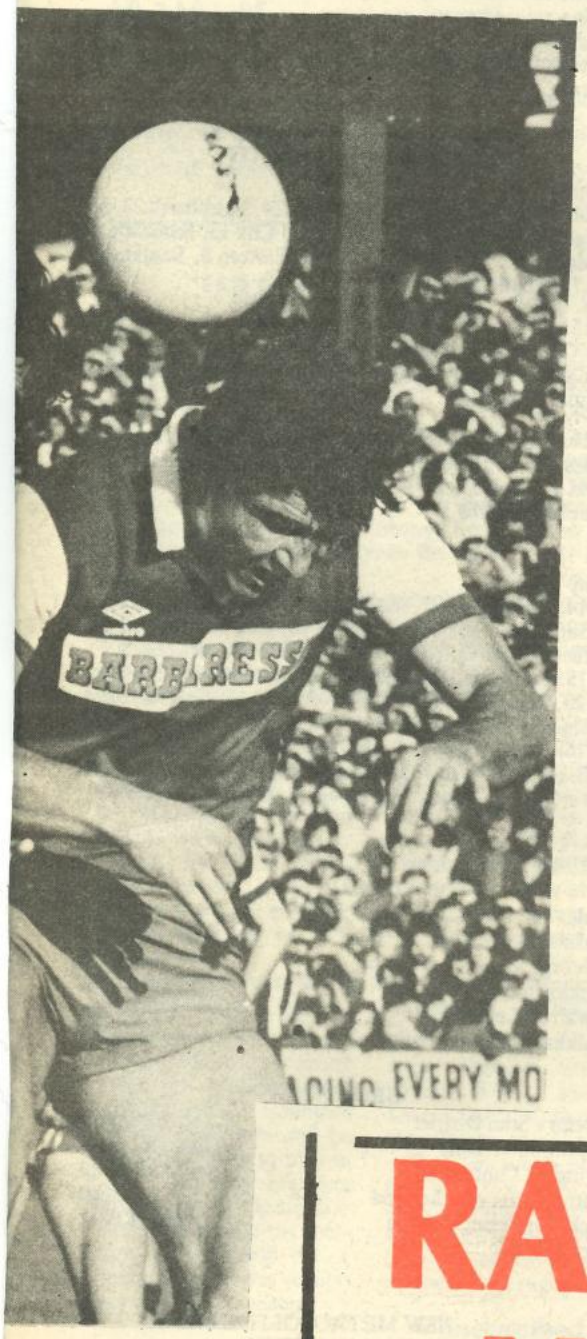

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PSL MATCH REPORTS

ARROWS BURST THE BRISBANE BUBBLE

By George Gardiner

People who have been suggesting that Brisbane City are in a false position among the leaders of the PSL had their theories substantiated at Bruce Stadium last Sunday.

Canberra Arrows gave Brisbane City a 3 — 0 hiding, which is quite a beating when you bear in mind that the Queenslanders had conceded fewer goals then any other PSL team.

In fact, this was Brisbane City's heaviest loss of 1981. And coach George Potter let his players know what he thought about it after the game.

Potter said: "It was our poorest display of the season. We were never in the game. My boys lacked fight and character."

Yet it is becoming clear that few teams are capable of getting good results against the new look Canberra Arrows. The Lotto-sponsored Arrows are among the most attractive sides in Australia and are capable of winning in any company.

Whether or not they'll go on to take the title is another matter but they have to be in with a big chance.

It took Canberra 20 minutes to trouble Brisbane goalkeeper Martin Coe. Then Robert O'Shea's header was just pushed round the upright by Coe.

Half-time was approaching when Arrows shot into a 1 — 0 lead. A corner kick, taken by Scot Ian Purdie, was headed past Coe by Don Maclaren. It was the perfect time to score a goal, sending Arrows in to the dressing room with their tails up.

Brisbane had a close escape when NZ World Cup star Duncan Cole tried a shot which hit the cross bar but it was obvious more goals were due.

Purdie again caused the trouble with a good centre to Tony Brennan who headed home to make the score 2 — 0.

Purdie rounded off Canberra's joy day just before the end when he banged in a spectacular third goal from almost 30 metres range.

It was one-way traffic for most of the time but Brisbane City could be classed as unlucky with a Paul Wilkinson shot desperately headed off the Canberra line by Terry Byrne.

"We were strong in defence and took our chances well in attack," said delighted Canberra manager George Murray.

This was an important match for the Arrows because, in addition to lifting them into joint second spot on the PSL table, it also pegged back one of their closest challengers in Brisbane City.

Sydney City, Canberra Arrows and Adelaide City are all on the 21 points mark, just one behind table-toppers South Melbourne.

The championship is wide open with Canberra well placed to finish on top when the smoke clears.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Hoszowski, M. O'Shea, Stark, R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Byrne, Cole (Farrell 45), Purdie, McLaren, Brennan (Valeri 75), Gibson.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe, Caldwell, Ratcliffe, Dunne, B. Wilkinson, Gaffney, Pimblett, Hamilton (Kelso 60), Palinkas, P. Wilkinson, McVeigh.

REFEREE: Ken Allen (Canberra).

HAWKS ELECTRIC IN FIRST HALF

By Tom McKain

Adelaide Hawks turned it all on for their fans in the first half against Sydney Slickers at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday, but they still went down 2-1.

For that first half effort, and the trauma they went through midweek, plus the fact they are bottom team, Hawks deserved a draw.

Captain and midfield powerhouse Peter Boyle was sacked in a dramatic move, on the Thursday night, with Mr Con Daskalos, chairman of the club's sports committee, claiming that no player would be allowed to do his "own thing".

He also called for unity among the players, and supporters, and Hawks took the field in an electric atmosphere.

It was evident the rally call and the sacking of Boyle had an effect on the players.

It was all or nothing in an all-action first half, which saw Slickers score first in 27 minutes when Ian Souness ghosted in on the left to slice home a free kick.

The Hawks pounded back and in 35 minutes it was Shraga Topaz, from his sweeper position, who raced through to collect a rebound after a George Koulianos corner was scrambled clear when Tim Brown hit a wall of defenders.

The hopes of home fans were high at the half-time break, and it was justified as for the first time this year, apart from the 4-0 win over Preston, the Hawks were fighting for every ball.

But it was not to be for the SA team. Souness in the 64th minute from a Bruce cross scored again. And in the end it was Hawks' goalkeeper Martyn Crook who kept the score down, saving shots from Ken Boden, Jimmy Cant and Willie Murray.

Hawks' coach Peter Jaksa racked up the changes, but they didn't come off — Jimmy Wright, superstar winger still carrying a toe fracture, took over from striker Aldo Lorenzonie and Ian McKie went into the midfield in place of winger George Koulianos, with Graham Honeyman moving forward.

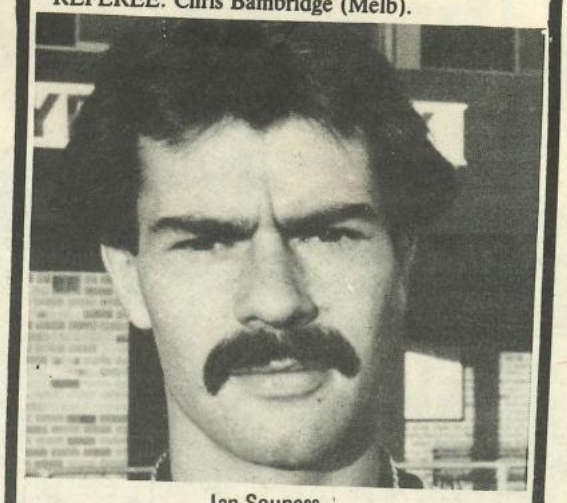
Slickers took Souness for Alex Robertson and put on Cant for Gerardo Gomez.

In the end the points went to the Slickers, but one feels the signs are on the board that Hawks, with a new discipline policy, are about to pull themselves out of the relegation zone.

ADEL. HAWKS: Crook, Maricic, Bozanic, Forde, Topaz, Brown, Honeyman, McGregor, Koulianos (McKie 80), Lorenzoni (Wright 76), Manecas.

SYDNEY SLICKERS: Clarke, Mullen, Spanos, O'Conner, Bruce, Murray, Watson, Barnes, Boden, Gomez (Cant, 64), Souness (Robertson 78).

REFEREE: Chris Bambridge (Melb).



Ian Souness

RAIDERS JUST HOLD OUT AT THE GABBIE

By Keith Gilmour

Former Socceroo wizard Ray Baartz' second match in charge of the Newcastle KB Raiders brought a happy 2-1 win over Blacktown Demons at the Gabbie.

His former mentor Rale Rasic, at the helm for the Demons, had every reason to curse his luck.

Newcastle dominated the first half with two goals, but when Blacktown took over the second, Demons could muster only one goal.

But Blacktown played with gusto, used the ball well and showed that they are as fit as any team in the Philips League.

A fair result would have been a draw, but Rasic was forced to admit that a two-goal deficit to a team as tough as the Raiders requires a tremendous amount of catching up.

The crowd came right in behind their local heroes, especially in the second half, and there is no doubt that they will be queueing up to see them in their next home game at the Gabbie.

Baartz was quite pleased with his side's performance.

"They set up the stage for the win in the first half, and when Blacktown produced long crosses they got behind the attackers and held them well," he said.

But the Raiders could not cope with Blacktown's offside trap.

Baartz said he had drummed up his players, but they did not read the situation correctly.

Newcastle did not field Mike Channon, who was engaged for home games by Newcastle television NBN 3 in conjunction with Tooth & Co.

It seems he may be playing against Marconi on Wednesday night, however.

The game opened with Paul Burrows trying to make a name for himself with a goal against his former club, but although his distinguished himself with a brilliant performance, he failed to score.

Newcastle in the 13th minute, accepting a cross from Bob Mountford and beating Bruce James to the draw.

In the 36th minute, Howard Tredinnick cut through a soft Demons' defence, holding the ball and having no chance of being caught in the trap, and scored.

Newcastle's only chances of a goal in the second half were on rare breakaways, and with three minutes remaining, James brilliantly robbed Joe Senkalski inside the box to kill a scoring effort.

Peter Jones netted a neat header for Demons in the 81st minute.

For the rest, the Demons blasted away, and even in the last minute Rob Wheatley failed with a close-in header.

BLACKTOWN CITY: James, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Milovanovic, Pointer, Selvage, Djordjevic, Hormazabal (Turner 46m), Jones, O'Donnell, Burrows.

NEWCASTLE KB: Dando, Reaney, Tredinnick, Sneddon, Mason, Drinkwater, Sumner, Mountford, Jones, Heys, Senkalski.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.

"MAN OF THE MATCH"

In this issue — and also in the issue of a week ago — it has not been possible to list all team line-ups, substitutions and "man of the match" ratings in the ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL contest.

We apologise for this but as soon as the Telecom affair is settled, any information you may have missed in ASW will be published.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of August 25, 1981, qualify for consideration for prizes of $150 for first, $100 for second and $50 for third. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final. Send your entries to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007.

TASMAN CUP PACE INCREASES

Tasman Cup Soccer at its best will be seen on Channel 0/28 over the next few weeks.

Matches on the "Captain Socceroo" program on Saturdays will be from round three, with Springwood playing Muirfield, Sir Joseph Banks meeting Hurlstone Agricultural, and Carlingford clashing with Davidson.

The series is entering an exciting stage. Manly Boys came through to round 4 with a 2-0 win over Forest High.

Manly have scored 18 goals without reply.

On the Central Coast The Entrance High has emerged as the local champions after defeating Woy Woy 1-0.

Watch out for Canterbury Boys' High, Cup winners in 1977 and runners-up the following year following their 6-1 demolition of Endeavour.

In another excellent match Cabramatta 4 downed Moorebank 2.

Sandro D'Amore (2), Paul Savic and Renato Licata scored for Cabramatta, whilst Stephen Hodkinson and experienced Fernando Canellas, a Leichhardt Youth team player, netted for the losers.

Coach Kevin Molyneux certainly has a fine attacking team. They have scored 21 goals to date, but they might find the going harder against East Hills in round four.

Gary Frost and Grant Croese scored for Baulkham Hills in their 2-0 defeat of Holroyd. It was a good win for Baulkham Hills as Holroyd had already accounted for Castle Hill in round two.

Last year East Hills went down narrowly to eventual champions Woonona on penalties, and they are well in the event this season.

Steven Waugh and his brother Mark have been amongst the goals for East Hills.

Steven has already represented NSW.

East Hills' defence is extremely sound, and this has laid the basis for their success.

Mark and Scott Grant, Brett Pike and John Sadek have been in solid form, with goalkeeper Murray Johanson doing extremely well in goal.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

YOUNG SOCCEROOS STEP UP PREPARATIONS

The Young Socceroo team's next preparations for the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Championships will be against the New Caledonian national team.

Matches will be played on June 26, 28, and July 1.

National coach Les Scheinflug has to make the mind up on a couple of major points.

Will this tour provide him with most of the matches he needs?

Which players from the Youth squad will go away with the national squad for World Cup matches in Taiwan, Indonesia and Fiji.

Offer

Also, should the offer from New Zealand for home and away matches at youth level be taken up?

Six of the countries who will compete in Australia in October are involved in the big series for national youth teams which starts in Mexico today.

In Mexico City, Brazil, Spain, United States and Mexico compete.

Argentine, Poland, Yugoslavia and Paraguay play their series in Monterrey. Semi-finals and finals go to Mexico City.

Paraguay took over the position that Australia could have had but for a shortage of funds to meet the return air fares.

All teams except Yugoslavia and Paraguay will be in Australia in October.

On the New Zealand offer, Scheinflug could find it advantageous to play a series in either Australia or New Zealand if it is difficult to cram too many matches into a limited time.

Jimmy Shoulder has already provided him with a list of 42 players for consideration in the 1983 series, and perhaps they could be involved next season with New Zealand in order to start the next pot simmering.

Everyone knows that there should be more interchanges with the Kiwis.

Anything that starts at youth level can be carried on by the players with guesto at the higher level.

New Zealand's excellent results against Isreal and Argentina in this year's elimination WYC games indicates that they are building for better things.

In fact they defeated Australia in the Oceania Youth Championships as well as at full international level this year.

UNDER 16 TITLES DUMPED BY STATES

There is no chance of an Australian under 16 championship being played this season.

The only entrant was Victoria, who have their team under preparation.

The State Federations shield off when they faced an entry bill of $4,200 each, instead of $1,500 as in previous years.

It seems that the Australian Soccer Federation has been absorbing a deal of the costs, but all of a sudden they jumped up the state contributions to a realistic amount.

The only other organisation with an under 16 team under way is the NSW Amateur Federation.

Might they be interested in taking on the Victorians?

It is a pity to see the titles go. The only redeeming feature is that the big thrust now has to be in the senior youth field, an initial preparations are under way for 1983.

Marconi Fairfield U16 Youth League team recently received a new set of jerseys by courtesy of Jones Bros Carriers.

The team showed their appreciation to the donors in the usual way. Further appreciation came from the lads in the form that they have not yet lost a match in their bright new strip!

Today's action shot shows Marconi defender Dennis Colussi whipping the ball off the Nepean District U16 forwards and clearing ahead from the edge of his own penalty area.

— Photo Linda Vendramin.

YOUTH LEAGUE

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

Round 15

GROUP 1	U14	U15	U16
Gladesville v Sydney Olympic	0-2	2-1	1-0
Bankstown v Polonia	1-0	3-0	3-2
St George v Illawarra	2-2	3-1	6-0
Blacktown City v Leichhardt	1-2	1-0	1-1
Croatia v Melita	0-5	1-0	0-2
South & East v Baulkham Hills	0-0	2-3	1-0
GROUP 2			
Nepean v Canterbury	2-0	1-2	0-4
Riverwood v Sutherland	0-4	1-4	1-2
Ku-ring-gai v Marconi	3-3	0-4	0-4
Avala v Manly	1-7	2-2	0-6
Southern Dists v Blacktown Assn	2-0	0-1	2-2

Central Coast — bye.

POINT SCORE TO DATE

Group 1

U14: Sydney Olympic 30, Illawarra 24, Leichhardt 22, St George 21, Gladesville 21, Blacktown City 13, Bankstown 12, Melita 12, Polonia 11, South & Eastern 8, Baulkham Hills 7, Croatia 5.

U15: St George 27, Leichhardt 26, Illawarra 23, Blacktown City 21, Gladesville 19, Croatia 16, Baulkham Hills 15, Bankstown 11, Polonia 10, South & East 8, Sydney Olympic 7, Melita 3.

U16: Leichhardt 28, Blacktown City 27, St George 21, Gladesville 19, Sydney Olympic 18, South & East 17, Melita 14, Bankstown 11, Illawarra 10, Croatia 9, Polonia 9, Baulkham Hills 1.

Group 2

U14: Ku-ring-gai 27, Marconi 22, Manly 21, Canterbury 21, Sutherland 18, Central Coast 16, Blacktown Assn 16, Southern Dists 13, Nepean 12, Avala 9, Riverwood 5.

U15: Sutherland 28, Marconi 23, Canterbury 23, Nepean 20, Manly 20, Avala 16, Riverwood 15, Central Coast 13, Ku-ring-gai 11, Blacktown Assn 9, Southern Dists 0.

U16: Canterbury 28, Sutherland 22, Marconi 20, Manly 19, Blacktown Assn 18, Southern Dists 17, Riverwood 15, Ku-ring-gai 14, Avala 12, Nepean 9, Central Coast 6.

ROUND 17 (Sat, June 17):

GROUP 1

Gladesville Hornsby v Sthn & Eastern	Pioneer
Bankstown v Melita	Everley Park
St George v Sydney Olympic	Pratten Park
Blacktown City v Polonia	Chopin Park
Illawarra v Leichhardt	Balgownie
Baulkham Hills v Croatia	St Johns

GROUP 2

Nepean v Sthn District	Ernie Smith
Riverwood v Manly	Hurstville Oval
Kuringai v Canterbury	Arlington Oval
Central Coast v Sutherland	Fagan
Blacktown Assoc v Avala	Francis Park

Marconi - bye

NSW METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP

	U/10	U/11	U/12	U/13
Canterbury v Blacktown	8-1	0-0	7-0	10-0
St George v Central Coast	—	4-0	1-0	5-2
Illawarra v Ku-ring-gai	—	2-0	4-1	1-3
Manly v Gladesville	1-5	0-2	4-3	4-2
Nepean v Sutherland	—	3-0	2-1	2-4
South & East v Bankstown	1-2	0-5	1-1	0-2

Granville — bye.

• Players and officials in the Youth League and the Soccer fraternity were saddened by the death of well-known referee Arthur Griffiths, who collapsed during the Blacktown City - Leichhardt under 16 game on the weekend. Our condolences are offered to Mr Griffiths family and friends.

PARRAMMATTA CITY NIGHT K.O.

Draw for Wed June 17
Garside Park

1ST ROUNDS — 17/6/81

6.15 pm MARCONI v SEVEN HILLS
7.30 pm RIVERWOOD v SYLVANIA
8.30 pm SUTHERLAND v MARRICKVILLE (Red Devils)

24/6/81

6.15 pm PENDLE HILL v AVALA
7.30 pm POLONIA v CANTERBURY
8.30 pm REAL PUMA v LEICHHARDT

1/7/81

6.15 pm BLACKTOWN ASSN v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
7.30 pm WILHELMINA v MELITA
8.30 pm ILLAWARRA v PENSHURST WEST

8/7/81

6.15 pm CONCORD v GLADESVILLE
7.30 pm BLACKTOWN CITY v MERRYLANDS RSL

A RIGHT (?) CHARLIE LOOKS AT SOCCER

By Keith Gilmour

A challenging little story came to us from a Blacktown City Club official.

It is very worthy of your consideration in both its positive and negative aspects.

It originated, we believe, from the Guildford Soccer Club and was re-published in the youth section of the Parramatta Returned Ex-Servicemen's Club journal.

Please read it! We have set out some views on the individual points, and have proceeded to examine the overall position which no doubt the writer was trying to highlight.

"MY NAME IS CHARLIE"

"My name is Charlie and I am 9 years, 5 months and 2 days old. I play Soccer, I like it, it's beaut . . . I've been up for hours today because it's Saturday! My sister ironed my shorts and Mum laced my boots. Mum says Dad can't drive me down to the field because he's tired, he's always tired . . . wasn't too tired to go to the club last night though . . .

Boy it's cold, if I run I'll get warmer . . . oh no, it's starting to rain . . . good, there's the oval and I can see my team-mates now, . . . wish I had a tracksuit like the other kids. I'm glad we play at home today because I always have to get a lift and it makes me feel creepy 'cause they all give me a funny look . . .

"The coach is telling us what positions we're playing .. . . he won't give me a shirt till he sees if this real good kid is coming or not . . . if he doesn't come I will get a full game, beaut, . . . hope he doesn't come! Great, I got a shirt!

"The coach is talking to the manager about my boots . . . I need new ones but Mum'n' Dad reckon these will last another season . . . wish I could have some new ones that fit properly then I bet I would be a good as some of the other kids in the team!

"On we go . . . heck, this other team is good . . . I'm a full-back and boy, their winger is fast! If I have to tackle that kid once more I'll collapse . . . here he comes again, oh no, I missed him and he's scored . . . gee, I feel lousy . . . everyone's yelling at me . . . I tried my best . . . I tried to stop him . . .

"All the other kids and their parents are looking at me . . . they reckon I cost them the game. Well, the game's over and I tried hard, I wanted to win just like the rest of them . . . if only my Dad would come to the games the coach wouldn't be yelling at me right now . . . he says I'm stupid and hopeless . . . he's just going on and on and on . . . I wish I could get away from here because now I'm crying and my nose is running and . . . and . . . I HATE SOCCER!"

Now to look at the article paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1. Countless thousands of lads will be keen and ready to play in their Saturday morning competitions. Some parents will attend, the matches — some will not. I doubt whether this section has much of a message.

2. Rubbish.

3. This paragraph presents the normal approach of perhaps a borderline player to the selection process. To me the tracksuit question is a red herring.

4. As good, cheap football boots are available as well as dear ones, it is likely that we are being led off the track again.

5. We all know a player can be yelled at. It goes on at every stage of a player's sporting life in team matches. However there are many considerate coaches, parents, friends, etc. Does the writer mean that we start throwing out the baby with the bath water just because a lad receives some criticism?

6. Coaches vary, but the proportion who berate a player as being "stupid and hopeless . . .," do they exist to that degree? Again, do we tip out the boxful of apples because of one bad one?

One is tempted to put this article aside as possibly being from someone who would rather see Soccer wound up as a sport to be played by children.

But there is more meat in it than just that.

My impressions date from the days when it was almost impossible for boys to play Soccer at all.

The widening of the local Association junior competitions through city and country in NSW and then Queensland in particular attended to that.

The family was brought into the game because the school system made darn sure at that time that very little Soccer was played to compete with rugby.

Succumbed

Then the numbers of interested players spilled over into the schools. The State system succumbed, and in recent years the same process has moved into the Catholic and Independent schools systems.

So where would we be without the junior suburban or town club? I should not need to spell that one out.

Nor should I have to do it for my friend John Warren, whose Sydney Sunday paper column advocated the transfer of rescources over from juniors to the schools.

There is some merit in this, yet it is basically impracticable. Without the huge junior associations this is very little school Soccer, and no amount of wishing can change this in our Australian and democratic way of life.

Sure, by all means build up the standard of schoolmasters' Soccer coaching much further.

But without the basic junior system the game would become one for spectators only and schools Soccer would wilt away.

The situation can be emphasised in another way.

As junior Soccer was being spread throughout NSW in earlier years, the Queensland junior authorities decided they would pitch in and follow the time-proved methods also.

The game has gone right through that State. Senior clubs such as Townsville could only have been promoted because of that basic junior interest provided the foundation.

On the other hand Victorian remained over-centralised and only now are they really trying to move in city and country in the necessary decentralised fashion.

Confined

At this late stage they are strong counter-measures by the Victorian rules game.

Had they taken up the lead years ago they would have been first into the field and senior Soccer interest would not now be entirely confined to a narrow single migrant-based clubs with many of the original nationalities becoming very small fish in the pool indeed.

Each boy, no matter what his original background, should be found a place in the sport.

Reverting to "Charlie", my impression has always been that lads generally enjoy their Soccer at Under 10 level, and that many more coaches, parents and friends are supportive rather than the opposite.

I know the Amateur officials are dedicated to any boy having the chance to play Soccer, whether he is destined for the big-time or not.

That is where we have to pause. If there are numbers of boys interested in Soccer, then there is a pool of school and junior players available from which the big clubs can seek their players.

It is their job to recognise real talent and to polish it up.

To this day, in their respective spheres and for all their faults, it is the dedicated junior and schools officials that have done the most to give the foundation that can put Soccer properly on the Australian sporting map.

Without the juniors the schools, colleges, universities and senior clubs would not have received their yearly crop of keen players.

Inevitably there will be drop-outs, and those who play with less skill than the topliners.

But there will be more referees, coaches, administrators, senior officials of top clubs because the junior heart beats strongly.

So get up, Charlie, enjoy your game again.

If it isn't in U10 second division, maybe you will settle into your club's fourth division team!

"BUDGIES" TO THE FORE

Meadowbank United has been very successful in recent seasons in the Gladesville-Hornsby FA.

They have won the premiership twice, the championship once, and the second grade team has twice been champions. This is a great record for a club that has only had three years of Premier League Soccer.

The club has become well known as the "Budgies" because of their bright yellow playing strip — or should they have been christened the "Canaries"?

After four rounds Meadowbank were unbeaten, although they scraped home in the last ten minutes against the Eastwood-Epping Tigers.

This year the Budgies took an under 12 first division team under their wing.

As under 11s this team were second division premiers and champions.

Their only loss so far was the Epping YMCA 4-2, and YMCA were last year's first division champions.

J.Sara and G.Glancey played for Gladesville-Hornsby U12 representative team in the NSW Amateur's May tournament. The side managed fourth place.

Meadowbank United (Under 12 — Division One)

Back row (L to R): K. Sara (manager), C. Green, J. Sara, S. Bennett, P. Latham, P. Swatridge, G. Gibson, K. Clancey (coach).

Front row: A. Borton, G. Clancey, J. Gardner, M. Bichard, A. Lickey, S. Demetriou, A. Ozcelik.

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's Soccerskills in book form, it is available from:—

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

Send $3 for the book. This will also cover postal charges.

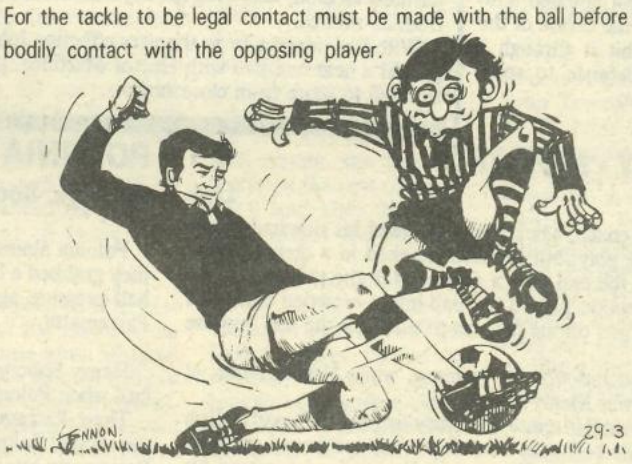
SOCCERSKILLS

with JIM HERMISTON

SLIDING TACKLE. Slide tackling usually is the best way to gain possession of the ball from an opponent whom you are running alongside.

The foot further away from the opponent should slide along the ground to make contact with the forward part of the ball.

For the tackle to be legal contact must be made with the ball before bodily contact with the opposing player.



Late tackles or tackles from behind are illegal. They will result in free kicks and possibly bookings.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

BALL BOUNCES FOR CROATIA

By Brad Earl

Croatia's luck just never seems to give in. Sutherland were holding Croatia well on Sunday, but the visitors scored three second half goals to keep their undefeated record intact.

Both sides attacked well and kept the game open and attractive. Both had a fair share of chances, with luck — good and bad — playing a part both ways.

In the ninth minute, two Croatia players stood watching as the ball skidded past them in front of goal. In the 17th minute, Sutherland's Brandt Cashman came forward from defence with a hard shot that went just wide.

Brian Parker looked set for a very good chance in the 32nd minute, but the ball came off his knee from a Peter Hensman cross.

Five minutes from the break, Marcos Silva had a very good shot just go wide, and immediately after Parker came through with a hard shot that skimmed the crossbar.

Both sides kept up the equal pressure after the break, and 11 minutes into the second half, Marijan Kovacic opened the scoring. Bill Czolonowski hit a free-kick over the defence which hit the upright, and the ball fell neatly into the middle of the penalty area for Kovacic to bang in.

Fourteen minutes later, Croatia built up pressure again, and from a corner, Marcos Silva notched onto the ball in the centre of the area and hit it through a crowded defence to score number two.

Sutherland kept trying, but were finding it hard to penetrate the strong defence, so Greg Watkins and Andy Connor tried a few long shots, which didn't go too far astray. In fact one effort by Watkins almost curled into the top corner, and was just tipped out by Croatia's keeper, Steve Watson.

Then in the last minute of play, Hensman stormed down the right side of the area and smashed a low hard shot which was stopped but dropped by Sharks' keeper Mal Haynes, and fell straight into the path of the onrushing Silva.

Sutherland's coach, John Watkiss, said after the defeat: "The ball didn't bounce for us — it was just one of those days. The ball fell nicely for them in the penalty area, but didn't for us. They hit the ball against the crossbar and it came back, but when we hit the ball against the bar it didn't."

Peter Hensman was the outstanding player on the day, always going forward starting attacks and spraying the ball around to his fellow attackers, and he was the Croatia player who turned the Sharks defence most times.

Both defences also did well, with Croatia's backline forced into changes with Kevin Dobson injured. Kevin Coleman fell back into the central defence for the first half, but he received an injury and was substituted at half-time, and as they didn't have any defenders on the bench, Marijan Kovacic moved back for the second period alongside Bruno Vidaic.

Sutherland were well served by all players, with central defenders, Graham Donnelly and Vic Dal Forno, doing a fine job, and Mal Haynes very clever, acting virtually as a second sweeper.

Peter Hensman

SUTHERLAND - CROATIA 0-3

Silva 2, M.Kovacic

NORTH SYDNEY - ST GEORGE 3-4

J.Morsello 2, Steven Marton 2, Barton, Kanacki

North Sydney almost caused a sensation against St George on Saturday, but after leading 3-2 after 19 minutes of the second half, were overhauled by the two Saints goals to go down 4-3.

Norths had pulled back from being 2-0 down after six minutes to lead 3-2. Mark Barton scored first in the third minute for St George when he dribbled round the North Sydney goalie to score, and Villy Kanacki got the second in the sixth minute when to took advantage of a defensive blunder to score from 15 metres out.

In the 19th minute, Tom Steven scored for Norths from a John Morsello cross, and it was Morsello who got the next two, in the 32nd and 36th minutes, the latter from a fine breakaway move.

But in the 64th minute, Dez Marton equalised with a dubious penalty, North Sydney claiming he had brought the ball down with his upper arm, and that the player who was judged to have fouled him had gone for the ball.

Marton grabbed the winner in the final minute of play, from a 25-metre free-kick.

Norths assistant coach, Archie Blue, said: "The team played very well, but you can't give a team like that a two goal start. In fact we almost went to a 4-2 lead when Tom Steven hit the post. But now the main thing is two points next week against Monaro."

North Sydney were without their regular goalkeeper for the match, with 16-year-old Paul Katsavidis playing between the sticks.

AVALA - BANKSTOWN 1-0

Samuels

Avala got a handy 1-0 win over fellow strugglers Bankstown in a fairly dull game.

Mark Samuels scored the winner for Avala in the 38 minute, when a free-kick rebounded off the bar, catching the Bankstown defenders standing flat-footed.

Avala had more of the attack, while their defenders Gary Fairclough and Warren Turnbull nullified anything Bankstown could offer.

The Town were without strikers John Nocera (suspended) and Brett Gilligan (injury), and also Greg Lynch, with a flair-up of his early-season injury. Chris Rootsey did well in Lynch's regular sweeper's role against Avala.

AUBURN - CANTERBURY 0-1

R.Brown

A Ross Brown goal midway through the first half was enough to give Canterbury the points against Auburn. Five minutes before he scored, David Bowman did very well to save a Neil Williams penalty.

Brown and Jim Basterfield were very steady for the Berries, while John McDonald and Darren McInerney did well for Auburn.

"The teams were pretty equal. We didn't play very well and they weren't much better," said Auburn coach Ray Smirthwaite. "I felt a draw would have been a fair result. They had one chance and took it, capitalising on a silly defensive mistake, and we didn't take ours."

"It should have been about 7-0 — we missed four or five classic chances," Canterbury coach John Xipolitas said. "The last six weeks we have been playing without our full squad, and four or five basic players have been out. On Sunday we were without three forwards, Thamnidis, Pettas (who was injured again after a short time on the field) and Craig Hall, and also John Lane, and Glen Laws, who was suspended."

MELITA - RIVERWOOD 3-0

Farrugia, McCoy, Martinez

Melita coasted to a 3-0 win over Riverwood, who wasted many chances by shooting from a long way out.

The first goal was posted in the 9th minute, when Farrugia scored despite offside protestations from the Riverwood players.

In the 16th minute a Melita corner kick was only partially cleared, and Greg McCoy scored with a great shot from 25 metres.

With five minutes to go the very effective John Stoddart played a neat one-two with Hector Martinez, putting him through to score from close range.

MANLY - MONARO 0-1

Link

Manly's coach, Mick Jones, claimed his side had 95 per cent of the play, but Monaro sneeked in a quarter of an hour from the end with a goal to grab the points.

Ian Heywood played the ball into a crowded area, and Ally Link was on the far post to side-foot the ball into the net.

Heywood did well for Monaro, while Udo Kramer, at left-back, was Manly's best.

There was also quite an injury list, with Monaro's Bob Noble curried off with a cut above the eye from a collision with Manly's Mark Chapman (who received a cut on his head), Manly's Stuart Regan carried off with an ankle injury, and Bruce Doyle also twisting his ankle.

"Monaro had very few shots and scored, and we must have had about 18 but they wouldn't go in," Jones said.

"We are badly in need of a striker, and badly in need of a team that will give 100 per cent commitment for 90 minutes."

POLONIA - PARRAMATTA 2-0

Sobczyk, Sookee

Polonia almost repeated their effort of last week, when they grabbed a first half lead but came under much second half pressure against Auburn, in this week's 2-0 win over Parramatta.

Henry Sobczyk scored first in the 33rd minute, in a first half when Polonia missed many good goal chances.

Then, Parramatta came back well in the second half, and the second Polonia goal only came from a clearance from a Parramatta attack, with Graham Sookee breaking away to score.

striker Sookee, goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinowski, and midfielder Ben Divani (16), making his first grade debut for Polonia, all did well. Vic Juchniewicz, Steve Montgomery, both recently signed from Croatia, and Dennis Donovan in goal for Parramatta, all did well for the opposition.

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
CROATIA	16	14	2	0	43-11	30
ST GEORGE	15	14	1	0	63- 8	29
MELITA	16	12	1	3	42-13	25
SUTHERLAND	15	8	3	4	22:15	19
POLONIA	15	7	2	6	19:20	16
MONARO	16	7	2	7	25:32	16
CANTERBURY	16	5	5	6	26-32	15
RIVERWOOD	15	6	2	7	18-29	14
NORTH SYD	16	4	3	9	19:30	11
AVALA	15	4	2	9	18:35	11
MANLY	15	4	1	10	18:27	9
AUBURN	15	4	0	11	10-27	8
PARRAMATTA	16	4	0	12	14:38	8
BANKSTOWN	15	3	0	12	16:35	6

TOP SCORERS

23. Marton(SG)
13. Farrugia(ME)
11. Allan(ME), Silva(Cr), Heywood(IM)
10. R.Brown(CM), Barton(SG)
9. Hensman(Cr)
8. Williams(CM)
7. T.Bush,Groome(S), M.Kovacic(Cr), Samuels (Av), Morsello(NS)
6. Davies(SG)
5. Griffiths,Campbell,Walker(SG), Morsello (NS)

NEXT GAMES

Wednesday 17 June:	
SUTHERLAND - ST GEORGE	Seymour Shaw
Saturday 20 June:	
BANKSTOWN - MANLY	Soccer Centre
Sunday 21 June:	
INTER MONARO - NORTH SYDNEY	Marco Polo
CROATIA - AVALA	King Tomislav
RIVERWOOD - SUTHERLAND	Hurstville Oval
MELITA - PARRAMATTA	Everley Park
ST GEORGE - AUBURN	St George Stadium
CANTERBURY - POLONIA	Arlington Oval

NSW DIVISIONS

NSW DIV. 1:

Fairy M. - Revesby	6-2
Belmore - Warringah	2-0
Yugal - Ravens	pp
Wollongong - Bathurst	2-1
Bankstown - Blacktown	2-2
Kuringai - Guildford	4-0
Penrith - Uni NSW	2-2

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	F:A	Pts
KURINGAI	16	28:8	25
WOLLONGONG	16	38:13	23
BLACKTOWN UTD	I6	27:10	23
FAIRY MEADOW	16	33:16	22
YUGAL	15	31:18	21
BATHURST	16	19:25	16
WARRINGAH	16	28:29	14
PENRITH	15	17:24	14
N.BANKSTOWN	16	20:29	12
GUILDFORD	17	14:30	11
UNI OF NSW	15	21:37	11
RAVENS	15	12:20	10
BELMORE	15	12:27	10
REVESBY	15	21:37	6

NSW DIV. 2:

L.Cove - Rockdale	1-1
Queens Park- Hills	0-0
Dee Why - Hornsby	2-2
Mt Druitt - C'Town	2-1
Albion - Riverstone	0-1
Eagles - N. Ryde	0-1
Lane Cove - Hills	0-5

NSW DIV. 3:

Kingsford - Kiev	4-2
Wenty - Zagreb	5-1
Padstow - West Ryde	1-3
Spanish - Marine	4-2
Eastern - Sydney Uni	2-2

NSW DIV. 4:

Eastwood - W.Hills	2-1
Chelsea - West S.G.	4-3
Fairfield - Holroyd	1-0
Rovers - Maroubra	1-1

NSW DIV. 5:

Edensor - Glenquarie	2-1
Maccabi - Hawkesbury	1-0

NSW DIV. 6:

Trasandinos - Sports	5-4
Blacktown - Liv.Utd	1-0
Hajduk - Colo Colo	1-0
City - Workers	2-0
Rangers - Parra Utd.	3-1

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6	MANLY		0:2		0:2		A	1:1			4:1	0:4	0:1	2:0	0:1
7	NORTH SYDNEY	1:2		1:4		1:0		T	2:0	0:4	1:0	3:4	1:2		2:1
8	AUBURN		0:1		0:5		2:0		E	1:0	0:1	0:5		2:0	2:3
9	POLONIA	0:0		0:1		1:0		2:1	1:0	L	1:0		1:1		2:0
10	CANTERBURY		0:0		5:1		2:3	1:1	3:0		E	1:9		3:1	
11	ST GEORGE	1:1		2:0		6:1	3:0	4:1		6:0		A	4:1		
12	MONARO		6:0		0:2	3:2	2:0		2:1		3:3		G	1:2	
13	BANKSTOWN	2:5		1:3	1:2	0:2		2:1		5:1		0:4		U	
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SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

JOHN STODDART

MELITA EAGLES

Position: Midfield.
Birthplace: Scotland.
Bate of Birth: May 1st, 1950.
Nationality: Scottish.
Occupation: Assistant manager at a decoration centre in Carlton.
Married: Yes.
Children: No.
Career Background: I started off with Leicester City, then I moved back to Scotland with Glasgow Celtic for a year, and then I went on loan to Berwick Rangers. I came out to Australia, with St George Budapest, and played there for five seasons. Then I went to Hong Kong for half a season, and I got a phone call from John Warren asking me to join Canberra City in the first year of the PSL. I left halfway through the season, and joined Sutherland. I went back to Hong Kong with Doug Utjesenovic, and played there for three months. Then Atti Abonyi got the job at Melita and asked me to join, and I've been there ever since.
Honours: Captain of New South Wales in January this year against Dinamo Zagreb. Also Edinburgh Schoolboys in Scotland.
Biggest thrill in the game: Captaining New South Wales.
Biggest disappointment: Losing the Grand Final last year against Sydney Olympic.
Ambition: To keep playing well.
Your opinion of the State League: There's some very good young players coming through. The top four teams are as good as any I've played against.
Best other State League team: It would have to be between St George and Croatia, but I couldn't seperate them. I've been impressed with both this year.
Best State League players: Being a midfield player, I concentrate on midfielders. The St George midfield is a very good unit. Other players like Marijan Kovacic of Croatia, Meades of Sutherland, Jim Basterfield of Canterbury-Marrickville. There's a good few young players knocking about.
Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: I'd like to, and given the chance I would. I think I have a fair bit of knowledge, and I'd like to give that back to young players as a coach.

CAPRICORNIA SURPRISE WIN

By Wally Bruce

Queensland's first round proper of the Ampol Cup produced one upset, a near upset and a tough battle for one of the top State League sides.

The upset occurred in Rockhampton, when the battling Capricornia downed their more highly fancied State League opponents Townsville United 1-0.

The goal came in the first half from youngster Clayton McBeth.

Townsville did not have the services of guest player Allan Clarke, who for some reason not yet announced, bypassed the Cup fixture.

State League leaders Mt Gravatt had to fight all the way to beat first division Trident-Valley 2-1 in extra time, after it was 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes.

Bevan Bohan was tackled in the 10th minute and referee Jack Wood saw fit to award a disputed penalty, which was duly despatched by defender John Ferguson.

Trident-Valley, who are under the care of former long-serving Brisbane City coach Nereo Saftich, were most upset when a similar tackle on behalf of their striker John Kennedy did not receive the same award.

But the offended party, Kennedy, strolled through the Mt Gravatt defence to snatch an equaliser just before half-time.

The winner finally came from Bevan Bohan, who earlier had a goal from a goalmouth scramble disallowed. Trident's Peter Carey also hit the post with a header.

Eastern Suburbs were untroubled to win their Cup match 3-0 against first division Annerley, after receiving a gift "own goal" in only the fifth minute.

Easts took control after the break with goals from Phil Thompson and Mark Brusasco.

Second-placed State League club Grange Thistle also had to work overtime to beat Brisbane Lions' South East Queensland (reserve) team 2-0 after it was nil-all at half time.

Lions were unlucky in the first half when youngster Marty Ratcliffe missed a good chance and Graham Wilson hit the crossbar.

But Thistle scored in the 51st minute through midfielder Mark Aponas and added their second six minutes later when Kenny Gordon headed in a Jim Cameron free kick.

State League club Wynnum had the easiest passage of all into the quarter-finals, crushing the Gold Coast Federation side 8-1, after leading 5-0 at half time.

Big striker Nigel Rehbock caused all the damage yet did not appear on the scoresheet.

Alan Collins grabbed a hat-trick, Phil Campbell accepted two, David Large and Wendell Henderson one each, while Gold Coast also helped out with a first half "own goal."

In country Cup matches, Across the Waves defeated the local Bundaberg Federation side 2-1.

NSW SHOTS

Sutherland are negotiating for an experienced PSL player to bolster their young side, with talks being held with Leichhardt and Sydney City.

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Hilton Silva

Croatia are in the process of signing Hilton Silva from Sydney City, in a package deal with their other Brazilian players, who have been on loan. The deal will also include the return of Terry Smith to the Slickers.

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Mick Jones, Manly's coach, is upset at some poor refereeing decisions in the past couple of weeks. Two matches in a row, Manly had players sent off after earlier receiving yellow cards — Bob Geoghegan against Canterbury, and Keith Falconer against St George. However, both players were exhonerated and back in their side for the respective following matches.

-BRAD EARL

LAKE AND EDGEWORTH SWAP PLACES IN NEWCASTLE

by Keith Gilmour

Lake Macquarie has taken over Edgeworth's position in the Northern NSW State League, and Edgeworth has been shifted back into First Division.

Each club will have the other's competition standing plus financial commitments.

The shock move arose when it was found that Edgeworth could not handle its debts to the Federation and its 1981 commitments, although it had promised that it would do so by a series of instalments.

Edgeworth will be much better off by having to pay the $1500 First Division fee for 1981 against the $8,500 required for State League.

The State League fee includes transportation costs as regular flights are necessary due to the distant locations of Armidale, Tamworth City, Twin Towns and Coffs Harbour clubs.

Northern NSW president Stefan Kamasz said: "It was a difficult decision, but it was vital that the State League and the future of the Edgeworth club be safeguarded."

Cardiff, Austral United, West Wallsend and Lake Macquarie, the previous State League applicants, were all given the chance to renew their applications.

Only Lake Macquarie was able to re-apply, thanks to its sponsorship from hauliers and contractors Hawkins of Boolaroo.

Both Lake Macquarie and Edgeworth remain well placed in their new competitions after the changeover.

Mr Kamasz said that any alternative solution to the Edgeworth problem involved too many hardships for other clubs in their respective competitions.

Lake Macquarie's home ground is the compact and popular Macquarie Field at Speers Point.

It is well lighted for night play, and has good embankments thanks to the work put in buy the Hawkins organisation prior to their selling out to a major national carrier.

"MACQUARIE, MACQUARIE"

By Ian Smith

Tamworth, riding high after the Weston result, were shattered after their match against Rosebuds last Sunday.

Just 17 minutes into the first half a sickening crash of shins between John Macquarie and Gary MacAuley saw the latter taken away in an ambulance with a broken leg that has certainly put him out for the rest of the season.

After the half-hour holdup the game progressed as it had started, defence oriented. Graham Walmsley was the dominating figure for Adamstown, but Bull, Fenwick and Keegan all played their roles while for Tamworth Routledge and Smith mopped up the middle but the non-stop tackling of Tony Baker proved the downfall of most Adamstown attacks.

The visitors had the best chance of the match in the 12th minute when Morpuss ran onto a through ball but shot wide from 15 metres. The industry of Hartley and enterprise of youth player Halliday seemed likely to give Tamworth the edge but, literally in the end, it was John Macquarie who gave the home side their win. Just four minutes from the finish he received the ball and, for the first time in the match, was not closed down and so decided to shoot from 20 metres, picking his spot beforehand.

If Macquarie decided that match then Lake Macquarie vindicated the Northern Soccer Federation's extraordinary midweek decision to include them in lieu of the financially struggling Edgeworth who were relegated to first division. With Federation directors present in force they saw Kerry Caban chip over the keeper from close range after scrappy play in the box and then, in the 20th minute, saw Lee Sellers head the new chums to a 2-0 lead after the Wallsend keeper misjudged a cross.

A bad back pass by Harper easily read by a Wallsend attacker, saw the Lakes keeper forced to concede a penalty as he brought the striker down and Brian Whitehead duly converted the penalty for a 2-1 half time score.

The match fell away in the second period and, despite many Wallsend attacks and an overhead kick by Foley that just missed in the dying seconds, Lakes won.

Bears Kill

Competition leaders Weston Bears laid down the gauntlet for the second round as they thrashed Belmont Swansea to the tune of six goals to one.

This win sees them pull away from all except Lake Macquarie and must make them odds-on favourite for the premiership.

One of the more favoured country teams, Twin Towns, slipped back on the table because their match against Armidale was postponed due to heavy rain in the New England area. The team that leapfrogged over both them and Tamworth was Stewarts and Lloyds who recorded a convincing 3-1 away win against the Banana Republic's representatives, Coffs Harbour.

This week's matches:
Saturday June 20: Belmont Swansea v Adamstown.
Sunday June 21: Tamworth v Coffs Harbour, Stewarts and Lloyds v Armidale, Twin Towns v Lake Macquarie, Wallsend v Weston.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

ADMINISTRATION AND PROMOTION NEEDS MUCH WORK IN ACT

By Steve Burns

The ACTSF's delegate to the newly-formed NSW Southern League, and chairman of the Amateur Canberra League, Mr Harvey Grigor, has launched a scathing attack on the administration of Soccer in the national capital.

He claimed the game has been at a virtual standstill for years.

The reason? Ineffective administration and poor promotion.

"The truth is that most ideas for developing the game get bogged down among the many committees appointed by the executive and very little ever eventuates," Grigor said. "Not that that really matters too much, anyway.

"The Football League, Canberra League and Junior League are autonomous bodies and make up their own minds in most matters."

Re-structuring

"Our executive exists in name only. It has no direct control over the leagues or its members and, in fact, has very little responsibility at all for the management of Soccer in the ACT.

"The constitution prepared back in 1972 made sure of that. Until it is revised and a re-structuring of the Federation takes place there won't be any positive development of the game in the ACT.

"When matters are referred to the 12-man, or more, executive, too many opinions and counter-opinions are aired before a consensus of opinion leads to a resolution which, when passed back to the league concerned, can be accepted or rejected.

"So, if the ACTSF executive ever wants to become more positively involved in any development, it virually has to seek the approval of each league before doing so. What kind of governing body is that?

"When decisions, as opposed to resolutions, have to be made at Federation level they are generally made by a self-appointed elitist group of two or three within the executive, which then presents its decisions to the rest of the executive as a fait accompli. The appointment of the present ACT director of Soccer coaching was just such an example.

"After determining the guidelines regarding selection for the job, the eventual appointee broke every guideline the committee appointing him had laid down — and yet, his appointment went unopposed by the majority of the executive of the time.

"A year later, when his appointment was to be reviewed, the executive was told his appointment had been extended for another year — without any reference being made to the executive.

"With that type of decision-making taking place there doesn't seem to be any need for the rest of the executive."

Consensus

"All it appears to be is a discussion group providing a consensus of opinion upon which that small group may, or may not, base its decisions. Quite often, that consensus of opinion is coloured by the views of the league chairmen who obviously base their opinions on what is best for their individual leagues, and not always what is best for the development of Soccer as a whole.

"So, with an executive that has no direct control over the leagues, and no direct influence on the decisions made at Federation level, what chance do we have of capitalising on the opportunities offered by the NSW Southern League?"

When asked what opportunities the league offered, he replied, "The area it covers should be of interest to potential sponsors and we must get out and sell the fact. It is a league that is proving, yet again, that there are numerous talented players outside metropolitan areas and that Soccer has as much support, if not more, than the other footballing codes.

"It provides an opportunity to develop our youth players. A NSW Southern Youth League would promote an interchange of experience between our young adults.

"If each club established a youth team, they could travel with the senior players, play their games as curtain-raisers and be present to learn from the senior players. Ultimately representative squads would emerge that would be strong enough to play any team."

To the suggestion this would probably eventuate anyway, he responded by saying, "Not unless the structure of the Federation is up-dated and the constitution amended accordingly to allow it to happen."

Reduced

"While the individual leagues retain their autonomy their is very little chance of developing the Southern League any further.

"The time has come for the control of Soccer to be returned to the Federation's executive which, in turn, would be reduced to no more than five members. The Canberra and Football Leagues can be combined into one league of five or six divisions with one management committee responsible for fixtures, ground allocations, ensuring clubs meet their responsibilities in relation to grounds and minor disciplinary matters, which are now catered for under the penalty points system.

"All other administrative, management, promotion and development matters should be the responsibility of the executive, served by a full-time administrator and a public relations/promotions officer, neither of whom should be connected in any way with a club. In fact, all those involved with the management of the game should be independent and neutral.

"Once this is achieved it will then become possible to re-define competition levels and encourage our hundreds of talented youth players to remain with the code. At present we are losing too many because there are insufficient Colts teams and most players consider themselves too old to be considered juniors.

"What is really needed is a Colts league for 14 and 15-year-old players and a Youth league for 16 and 17-year-olds, for both the NSW Southern League and an ACTSF Football League. That way we can provide a complete range of competition levels from Under 7 in the Junior League to retirement age.

"Once we have that we'll have a complete package to offer sponsors throughout southern NSW — an area that covers Griffith, Albury, Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra, Goulburn, the ACT and Queanbeyan."

Although Harvey Grigor's views are frequently played down by other members of the ACT's Soccer fraternity, there are many who support them but, unfortunately for him, they are not in a position to help.

His association with Soccer in the ACT spans more years than most of his opponents can claim. A former member of the Queensland squad, he is an experienced administrator and coach and is the incumbent chairman of the ACTSF Canberra League, as well as the ACT clubs' delegate to the NSW Southern League.

ONE UPSET IN S.A. CUP

By Tom McKain

There was only one upset in the S.A. Federation Cup second round matches — Adelaide's Croatia went out 3-1 to their namesakes at Whyalla.

So Whyalla Croatia is the only country team left in the competition.

Modbury represent the Second Division, following a 3-1 win over Whyalla Wanderers.

The other country side, Whyalla, from the Federation's Second Division, visited Port Adelaide and lost only 1-0.

Only one of the ties had to be decided on penalties — First Division pair Para Hills and Cumberland got down to the spot kicks, and Para won 5-4.

After beating Noarlunga 1-0 on the Saturday at home, Campbelltown fell 2-0, again at home, in the Cup two days later.

In the other clash involving First Division teams Azzurri went to Elizabeth and won 1-0.

Fellow First Division leaders Polonia hammered Blackwood from the Metropolitan league 5-0.

Beograd slipped through 1-0 against Second Division's Birkalla.

• With the halfway mark reached in the S.A. Rothmans League First Division, the forecasters are handing out their tips for titles and relegation.

Azzurri and Polonia are the obvious favourites for the title and Noarlunga for the drop back to Second Division, after gaining promotion at the end of last season.

Promotion favourites from the Second Division are West Adelaide, the Reserve team of the PSL team Adelaide Hawks.

If they do come up, it could be embarrassing if the Hawks drop out of the PSL into the State League.

Elizabeth could also be in relegation trouble if new coaches Bobby Henderson and John Gaughan can't get them into a striking unit.

And lack of a goal-scoring finisher is playing havoc with Croatia, last year's champions.

They are badly missing Tony Jordan, the big target man who retired at the end of last season.

Although not a classy player, he did pick up the odd goal and, just as important, hussled defenders into errors to make room for his teammates.

However, Croatia should still be there when the top four is decided, with Azzurri and Polonia at the top and perhaps Beograd and Cumberland fighting it out for the fourth spot.

Campbelltown could be the surprise.

Again they are not a scoring machine, but coaches Denis Harlow and Dennis Grant have them playing some dour Soccer, giving nothing away and grabbing half chances.

On paper Para Hills have a team which could again take them into the top four, but unless they come with a rush in the second half of the season they will be middle-of-the-roaders, which appears likely to be the fate of Port Adelaide.

• Garrie Dooley, the big Elizabeth midfielder is on the move again.

He has asked for a transfer — and its been granted — but time is running out with the transfer deadline June 30.

Dooley started with Elizabeth juniors, then joined West Adelaide moved on to Polonia and was bought by Westad, then sold to Elizabeth last year for $5,000.

He went on to win the Rothmans Medal as the State League's best and fairest player.

MONARO HAPPY WITH YOUNGSTERS

Whether Monaro makes the NSW Coca-Cola League top four or not this season, officials have already branded the year an outstanding success in terms of development of the club's young talent.

Youngsters like goalkeeper Gino Caputo, defenders Frank Palombi and Mark Francis and striker Reg Sheridan have been blooded into the first team this year. All four are under the age of 20, and Caputo, who has won praise for some very good performances, is not 18 yet. All are outstanding examples of the enormous amount of Soccer talent available in the Queanbeyan-Canberra area.

Palombi is a Monaro junior; Sheridan moved to Queanbeyan from Collector (near Goulburn) to play with Monaro and Francis and Caputo were both signed this year from Canberra clubs.

Although Monaro is based in Queanbeyan, the club has spread its net far and wide in search of talent. Another youngster, David Johnson (17), from Goulburn, made his first grade debut in the match against Melita, and scored Monaro's one goal.

Included in Monaro's first and reserve grade squads are players from Queanbeyan, Canberra, Goulburn and Cootamundra.

Monaro secretary Tony Reale believes the club is building the basis of a top team for the future and is happy with results achieved so far.

"We have basically a young team that we hope to be able to keep together for a long time.

"Obviously with transfer fees and players' bonuses rising out of all proportion to club incomes, more and more clubs are looking to develop their own talent and Monaro is no exception," Reale said.

Tony Reale also praised the more experienced players in the club for the guidance they have provided to their younger team-mates.

"Bob Noble, John Santolin, Gerald Crawford and Aldo Charles have all been with us for a long while, although only Bob Noble could be called a "veteran". Together with Ally Link, Ian Heywood, and Tony Falzon they provide the experience that has seen us through some difficult matches," he said.

It has taken Monaro a while to get the right blend of youth and experience this year, particularly under a new coach, Joe Arquero snr., who took over the job held by Frank Maccarone for the past four years.

Notwithstanding these problems and serious injuries to Nick Antonopoulos and Mauro Valeri, Arquero is still optimistic about Monaro's top four chances.

"If we can win a few more points away from home I think we can go very close", Arquero said.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

THE ILLAWARRA SCENE

By Phil Murphy

Balgownie have become the giant-killers of this year's Bampton Cup series after a shock 5-2 win over premier league Cringila on Cringila's home ground.

Down in the second division, Balgownie were given little hope of a place in the last eight but lifted their game in a real cup-tie effort.

Cringila had a player sent off but only after Balgownie had the game sewn up at 4-1, Dave Rowe showing the way with a hat-trick.

Coach Ross Emerton, in his first season at the job, has a strong squad from which to choose.

He is fortunate to have the services of former Tarrawanna goalkeeper Graham Edwards while other ex-Tarrawanna players have done well with the side.

Emerton is confident of promotion to first division this year and he feels his team must also be a threat in the Cup.

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Representative centre-half Greg McPherson has left Coniston and returned to first division Russell Vale.

He left Russell Vale at the end of last season but couldn't settle down with Coniston.

In reserve grade for most of the time, the big defender cost his old club $600 to buy him back.

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Shellharbour striker Barney King struck form with a vengeance in the recent premier league game against Bulli.

Shellharbour scored a convincing 4-1 win in muddy conditions and King hit home all four goals.

King has been out of form most of this season, but he proved he likes the heavy going to sink Bulli.

He should get plenty of goals this season with the prompting of coach John Bingham.

A creative player, Bingham has the ability to open up defences and provide King with plenty of scoring chances.

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It isn't only strikers who can get four goals in premier league games.

While Barney King was getting his four goals, Corrimal midfielder Graeme Funnel scored four in his team's 4-1 win against leaders Berkeley.

A long-serving player with Corrimal and also Fernhill, Funnell has played centre-half most of his career.

He has relished the switch to midfield and is doing a great job there for coach Wally Miller.

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The Illawarra Coach's Association is back in business.

The body lapsed a few years ago and several attempts to get it going again have failed.

Wollongong Wolves coach Ken Morton has been appointed senior coach with George Ramage as president.

The secretary is John Vlietstra and treasurer Mrs Florence Stevenson.

Cost of joining is $10 a year and a quarterly magazine will be published for members.

The next meeting will be at Balgownie clubrooms on Friday night, July 3.

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Bellambi have youth on their side when it comes to goalkeepers this season.

Their three goalkeepers are all eligible for Under 18 football, with Andrew Williams holding the first grade spot.

Williams played in the Woonona High School teams which won last season's Tasman Cup under John Frew, whi is also Bellambi's coach.

A basketball player, Williams has decided to spend more time on Soccer this season and it is paying dividends.

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When Wollongong Wolves supporters started an appeal to buy Arno Bertogna from Newcastle recently the response was amazing.

People came in with amounts from $50 to $500 while Fraternity Bowling Club and Warilla Wanderers Junior Soccer Club put in $1,000 each.

Sydney first division club Fairy Meadow also donated $100 — a sign that Soccer relations in Illawarra are going along nicely.

JUVE KNOCKED OUT OF DOCKERTY CUP

By Greg Blake

Only one non-State League side, Western Suburbs, progressed past the Second Round proper of the Victorian Dockerty Cup played on the Queens Birthday Holiday.

Wests downed State League strugglers Juventus 4-2 at Wembley Park to become the only one of the seven remaining Metropolitan League sides to make the quarter-finals.

Out went Morwell Falcons, Frankston Pines, Prahran, Altona Gate, Park Rangers and red-hot favourites for promotion, to the State League in 1982, Maribyrnong Polonia.

The only State League side to bow out of the final 16 was Doveton who surprisingly fell to Ringwood City 2-0.

After nine league games the Doves were undefeated and were hardly expected to go down to lowly Ringwood.

Goals from Brian Sinclair and Ian Greener put Ringwood into the next round. Wests, coached by ex-Socceroo Billy Vojtek, handed Juve another slap in the face in what is fast becoming one of the most forgettable year in the famous Italian club's history.

Former Croatia striker Mike Klarin scored three times in Wests 4-2 win with Vojtek's team mate at Ajax last season, And Segi, adding the other.

Juve's scorers were Lou Sannipolli and Charlie Smith.

Green Gully recovered from their home defeat against Croatia the previous day to down Maribyrnong 2-1 in a magnificent game.

At times there seemed little between the State League leaders and the Division One pacesetters, but classy Ajax finally gave Wests the Cup axe with goals from Jim Williams and youngster David Hogben.

Essendon Croatia continued their undefeated league run in the Cup by disposing of Prahran Slavia 3-1.

Alan Kerr, enjoying one of his best seasons for goals, was on target twice for Croatia with substitute Joe Tront adding a third. Billy Brindle managed Slavia's single reply.

Sunshine City held out a dogged Altona Gate to finally run out winners in a seven-goal thriller after extra-time.

Norrie Pate hit the Shiners extra-time winner to add to their goals scored during normal time by Nelson, Morovic and Laing in a 3-3 draw.

Second Division outfit Frankston Pines' valiant Cup run came to a halt at the hands of Croydon City who won 2-0 with both goals coming from the State League's leading marksman, Ian Loughnane.

However Frankston City will carry the Bayside banner into the next round after downing Morwell Falcons 2-1. Both of their goals came from another prolific State League goalscorer this season in Charlie Egan.

In the other match Altona City managed their first victory since the preseason Ampol Cup by ousting Kew Park Rangers with the only goal of the game coming from Watters during extra-time.

Results of Victorian Dockerty Cup second main round:
Frankston City 2 Morwell Falcons 1; Frankston Pines 0 Croydon City 2; Maribyrnong 1 Green Gully 2; Essendon Croatia 3 Prahran Slavia 1; Sunshine City 4 Altona Gate 3 (AET); Altona City 1 Kew Park Rangers 3 (AET); Ringwood City 2 Doveton 0; Western Suburbs 4 Juventus 2.

AZZURRI GOING GREAT GUNS

By Tom McKain

Azzurri have launched themselves at their first league title at the halfway mark in the SA Rothmans League First Division with an awesome 28 goals in nine games.

Their scoring potential is frightening, and there is no sign that they will falter this week, visiting Cumberland (seventh).

Azzurri slammed in three goals without reply at Para Hills last week for a goal difference of 20 and a point ahead of Polonia, whose charge faltered as they were held at home by the fighting Elizabeth.

Polonia are still two points ahead of Beograd who are now in third spot, and issuing a challenge which can't be ignored.

It took Cumberland apart 2-0 at the latter's ground, although it must be admitted that the Foxes were minus two key forwards — David Leane and David Mahony.

Beograd visit Polonia this week in a match which could make or break the fortunes of both teams.

Another team showing the flag at the halfway mark is Port Adelaide, who moved into fourth place after a 1-0 win at Campbelltown, which sunk the home side from third place to sixth.

Port should keep up the challenge when they are at home to Noarlunga, who now seem doomed for relegation after losing 1-0 away to Croatia.

The latter, champions last year, still haven't found their scoring touch, and will have to improve to down Para Hills away from home.

While Para were well beaten by Azzurri last week, they did show touches of class, but they must do something about strengthening their midfield.

At the start of the season coach Ewan Douglas switched Harry Bell, normally a striker, to the middle of the park when he signed forward Jimmy Mitchell from Port.

Last week he had Mitchell in midfield, and Bell up front with Chris Key and Joe Mullen.

Bell and Mitchell made their names together as strikers when they were with Enfield Victoria.

While Bell has just passed the 30 mark and Mitchell is 29, they are still first-rate strikers, and a partnership as front-runners again is overdue.

However, Douglas will have to find some powerhouses for his midfield.

Geoff Tomlinson gives it everything, but he is only one man.

At the moment it looks like Azzurri for the title, and to fight out the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup with Polonia, Beograd and perhaps Croatia or Port Adelaide.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	6	1	2	28	8	13
Polonia	5	2	2	16	13	12
Beograd	4	2	3	15	14	10
Port	4	2	3	12	14	10
Croatia	4	2	3	9	12	10
Camp'town	3	2	4	8	9	8
Cumb'land	3	2	4	11	15	8
Elizabeth	2	4	3	6	12	8
Para H.	1	4	4	12	16	6
Noarlunga	0	5	4	8	12	5

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE ROUND ELEVEN PREVIEW

By Greg Blake

The acid test for Sunshine City, and Doveton's undefeated run under threat.

These are the talking points of this weekend's Victorian State League round eleven. The newly-found form of Sunshine City which, if continued, could see them inside the top four at the end of the season will be put to its sternest test to date when they meet Hakoah at Middle Park on Saturday.

Sunday's feature game must be the one at Chaplin Reserve where high-flying Doveton face up to Jim Adam's rejuvinated George Cross.

The big difference at Sunshine this season has been in their ability to score goals, a feature sadly lacking in their game last year.

And Scot Norrie Pate seems to be the man making all the difference, not only making and scoring goals but marshalling the players around him and becoming a focal point for his team-mates hard work.

Not that it's a case of stop Pate and you've stopped Sunshine. But there can be no doubt that his presance has done the world of good for the confidence of all at the club.

Hakoah too, like a bloodied and battered boxer, have come back off the ropes fighting after what might have been a miserable season and Pate, Roger Bain and Co will find goals hard to come by against Bill Allison's boys.

Both sides have surprised me this season and the efforts of both should be rewarded with a point each in this match.

Archie Cambell's work last season at George Cross has finally seen fruition, with the experienced and expert hands of Jim Adam putting the final touches to a very promising side since taking over at the helm after round one.

Results have steadily improved to the point where the can now tackle the top sides lacking nothing in confidence and little, if anthing, in ability.

Ged Bannon, a close-season buy from Hakoah, has made a world of difference to Georgie and must be rated a chance to complete a unique treble of Rothmans Medal winners following triumphs by brothers Pat and Vince in 1973 and 1974 respectively.

At the time of writing they'd lost one of their last eight games. Croydon have yet to taste defeat and that should make for some desperate, exciting football.

Doveton are another side who continue to surprise and, despite a marvellous start to their inaugral State League season, they have continued their campaign to strenthen their squad further.

Georgie will never have a better opportunity to prove that they're back in town but the Doves should have enough to take something from what should be a fine game.

In other games Green Gully will have no trouble with Altona City, Croydon should win away at Juventus, Croatia will get home in a close one at Frankston and a slowly improving Northcote could take something against Ringwood at Jubilee Park.

"NUTHIN" WINS SOMETHING

Mrs Jean Turpin (52) and her daughter Beth (24) have won the Pools scoop prize with their entry called "Nuthin".

Jean and Beth enter the Pools every week with random number selections and never bother to check the results.

On Monday her husband Jack, naturally known as "Dick", who has worked at the Courier Mail for 28 years, brought home the paper and it was opened at the Pools results page, so Jean checked the coupon. She realised they had 10 score draws and though they might win a few thousand dollars.

Asked why she called the coupon "Nuthin", Jean said: "About two years ago I called my Pools entry "Nothin" and won $1,300. Beth and I thought it was about time we had another little win so Beth called it "Nuthin".

Jean and her husband Dick have been married for 34 years and also have two married sons, Richard and Martyn.

Jean said: "I will share my half with the boys and their children and Beth has plenty of use for her share with her young family.

"Dick could end up with a new car as the premier is getting a bit old."

Jean is thrilled she can now help others in her family.

"I always wanted to be a nurse, especially with the little children. I'll go along and visit the kiddies at the children's hospital."

POOLS STATISTICS

Many people are interested in probability to pick their Pools numbers. Here is a summary of 346 sets of results from 26/10/1974 to 6/6/81:

Match No.	Score Draw	S/Less Draw	Away Win	Void Game	Home Win	Since sd
1	63	31	75	9	168	0
2	68	27	100	13	138	0
3	51	33	99	9	154	2
4	59	23	101	4	159	3
5	68	22	86	6	164	5
6	64	25	61	6	190	8
7	55	36	80	6	169	7
8	68	28	76	4	170	3
9	47	35	95	5	164	9
10	64	22	91	5	164	2
11	73	25	96	6	146	0
12	49	39	76	8	174	28
13	60	36	85	7	158	6
14	54	28	79	10	175	13
15	76	34	85	10	141	10
16	80	29	79	4	154	13
17	65	23	91	6	161	1
18	64	27	93	2	160	42
19	76	26	92	5	147	5
20	61	26	75	9	175	0
21	57	22	87	10	170	0
22	52	30	81	6	177	10
23	62	27	84	5	168	4
24	62	20	91	5	168	0
25	57	36	85	7	161	3
26	66	19	74	7	180	9
27	68	34	80	7	157	1
28	76	36	98	9	127	6
29	54	22	84	5	181	2
30	60	36	85	9	156	1
31	58	25	87	6	170	2
32	51	26	92	6	171	9
33	52	28	89	6	171	0
34	56	18	86	5	181	4
35	54	39	89	12	152	20
36	59	27	78	9	173	4
37	58	34	92	9	153	3
38	69	24	82	8	163	0
39	73	31	84	10	148	5
40	69	27	83	8	159	0
41	53	24	88	16	165	0
42	65	12	109	8	152	2
43	70	19	103	17	137	10
44	53	17	122	13	141	0
45	62	21	88	21	154	4
46	61	16	107	10	152	0
47	53	17	96	16	164	2
48	50	22	102	17	155	20
49	55	20	105	15	151	15
50	53	25	94	18	156	15
51	65	21	88	8	164	1
52	62	23	124	12	125	2
53	52	22	98	14	160	0
54	66	20	95	10	155	6
55	61	23	104	17	141	8

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VICTORIA DIVISION ONE

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARIBYRNONG	11	5	1	0	19	5	3	0	2	8	6	17
ALBION R.	11	4	0	1	12	4	3	2	1	10	7	16
WESTERN	11	5	0	0	16	3	2	1	3	8	14	15
RICHMOND	11	4	1	0	17	7	2	1	3	10	11	14
ALTONA GATE	11	2	1	3	5	6	2	2	1	8	5	11
KEW PARK	11	3	1	1	6	2	1	2	3	4	11	11
PRAHRAN	11	1	4	1	5	2	1	2	2	4	9	10
KEILOR	11	2	1	3	9	11	1	3	1	6	7	10
MORWELL	11	2	0	4	7	12	2	1	2	6	8	9
KNOX CITY	11	0	3	2	5	8	2	0	4	7	11	7
MORELAND	11	2	0	4	9	9	1	0	4	5	10	6
	11	1	2	2	9	12	1	0	5	5	20	6

VICTORIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER	11	5	0	1	19	7	3	2	0	12	6	18
PRESTON	11	2	1	2	7	7	4	1	1	9	6	14
DONCASTER	11	3	1	1	10	5	2	1	3	10	9	12
FRANKSTON P.	11	2	1	2	7	7	3	1	2	6	5	12
FOOTSCRAY	11	1	2	3	3	9	4	0	1	13	8	12
MELBOURNE	11	4	1	1	9	7	1	1	3	5	9	12
DANDENONG	11	1	2	2	5	7	3	1	2	9	9	11
SPRINGVALE	11	2	1	3	13	14	2	1	2	6	7	10
S. MELBOURNE	11	4	0	2	11	6	0	1	4	5	12	9
WAVERLEY	11	3	0	2	10	8	1	1	4	4	10	9
ARDEER	11	1	2	3	4	9	2	1	2	7	9	9
HEIDELBERG U.	11	0	1	4	5	10	1	1	4	10	13	4

VICTORIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BELL PARK	11	5	0	1	16	7	3	2	0	11	4	18
RINGWOOD U.	11	3	2	0	10	3	4	2	0	9	3	18
BROADM'DOWS	11	4	2	0	15	10	2	1	2	10	8	15
HEIDELBERG	11	4	0	2	17	10	2	2	1	12	13	14
ST ALBANS	11	3	1	1	10	6	2	1	3	9	14	12
CORIO	11	2	2	1	10	8	2	0	4	9	14	10
PT. MELBOURNE	11	2	1	3	11	11	1	2	2	3	6	9
WERRIBEE	11	3	0	3	11	8	1	1	3	7	14	9
PRAHRAN CITY	11	2	0	3	7	11	2	0	4	8	11	8
YALLOURN	11	2	0	4	10	10	1	1	3	9	14	7
COBURG	11	1	3	1	7	8	1	0	5	7	15	7
ELTHAM	11	2	1	2	9	9	0	0	6	7	17	5

VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORNINGTON	11	4	2	0	14	5	4	1	0	13	6	19
SUNBURY U.	11	7	0	0	18	3	1	2	1	4	3	18
ROYAL PARK	11	6	0	0	17	3	2	1	2	9	11	17
NUNAWADING	11	4	1	0	19	1	2	1	3	14	13	14
BRIGHTON	11	3	2	1	10	6	1	2	2	5	8	12
KEYSBORO	11	1	0	3	4	8	4	1	2	9	3	11
N. DANDENONG	11	0	5	1	4	6	2	2	1	5	3	11
MONASH	11	1	3	2	8	8	1	2	2	7	9	9
SANDRINGHAM	11	1	2	3	9	11	2	1	2	6	10	9
MOORABBIN	11	1	1	3	8	10	0	3	3	2	9	6
FERNTREE	11	1	1	3	4	11	0	2	4	3	15	5
CHELSEA	11	0	1	3	3	11	0	0	7	6	28	1

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AZZURRI	7	3	1	0	9	3	3	0	0	7	1	13
SPEARWOOD	5	3	0	0	9	1	1	1	0	3	2	9
FORRESTFIELD	7	2	1	0	5	2	1	2	1	6	5	9
INGLEWOOD	7	2	0	2	6	3	2	0	1	8	6	8
KINGSWAY	6	3	0	0	6	2	1	0	2	4	9	8
E. FREMANTLE	7	2	0	1	9	5	1	1	2	2	7	7
WINDMILLS	6	0	1	2	5	8	1	0	2	7	8	3
WEST PERTH	6	0	0	2	2	7	1	1	2	4	6	3
GOSNELLS	6	0	0	3	4	9	1	0	2	3	5	2
	7	0	2	2	4	7	0	0	3	3	10	2

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ATHENA	9	3	1	0	18	6	4	1	0	14	1	16
NORTH PERTH	9	2	1	1	11	7	3	1	1	21	5	12
EAST PERTH	9	4	1	0	11	5	1	1	2	5	8	12
MELVILLE	9	3	1	1	11	5	1	2	1	8	5	11
COCKBURN	9	3	0	1	12	7	1	2	2	6	7	10
OSBORNE PK	9	4	1	0	14	5	0	0	4	2	15	9
BASSENDEAN	9	0	2	2	5	11	2	2	1	9	6	8
KELMSCOTT	9	2	1	1	9	5	0	2	3	5	11	7
BALGA	9	1	1	3	6	15	2	0	2	9	11	7
CANNING	9	1	2	2	11	13	1	0	3	8	14	6
KWINANA	9	1	1	2	3	6	1	1	3	9	17	6
UNIVERSITY	9	1	0	4	3	17	1	0	3	6	12	4

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VIC.DIV.1	BOX HILL	ALBION R.	1	X	*
	KEILOR	MARIBYRNONG	2	2	
	KEW PARK	WESTERN	3	2	
	MORWELL	MORELAND	4	1	
VIC.DIV.2	DONCASTER	WAVERLEY	5	1	
	FRANKSTON P.	FOOTSCRAY	6	X	
	HEIDELBERG U.	DANDENONG	7	2	
	MELBOURNE	PRESTON	8	X	
	S. MELBOURNE	FAWKNER	9	2	
	SPRINGVALE	ARDEER	10	1	
VIC.DIV.3	BELL PARK	RINGWOOD U.	11	X	*
	HEIDELBERG	YALLOURN	12	1	
	PT. MELBOURNE	COBURG	13	1	
	PRAHRAN CTY.	ELTHAM	14	1	
	ST. ALBANS	CORIO	15	X	*
	WERRIBEE	BROADM'DOWS	16	2	
VIC.DIV.4	CHELSEA	MOORABBIN	17	2	
	FERNTREE	KEYSBORO	18	2	
	N. DANDENONG	MORNINGTON	19	2	
	ROYAL PARK	MONASH	20	1	
	SANDRINGHAM	NUNAWADING	21	2	
	SUNBURY U.	BRIGHTON	22	1	
W.A. State League	GOSNELLS	WINDMILLS	23	2	
	KINGSWAY	INGLEWOOD	24	2	
	STIRLING C.	FORRESTF'LD	25	2	
W.A. Div.2	BASSENDEAN	EAST PERTH	26	2	
	CANNING	ATHENA	27	2	
	MELVILLE	BALGA	28	1	
	NORTH PERTH	KWINANA	29	1	
	OSBORNE PK.	KELMSCOTT	30	X	*
	UNIVERSITY	COCKBURN	31	2	
W.A. Div. 3	BAYSWATER	SUBIACO	32	1	
	BUNBURY C.	BEDFORD U.	33	X	*
	ROCKINGHAM	BALCATTA	34	2	
	SWAN ATH.	QUEENS PK.	35	1	
	TUART HILL	SORRENTO	36	2	
	WANNEROO	PERTH CITY	37	2	
S.A. State League	CAMPB'LTOWN	ELIZABETH	38	1	
	CUMBERLAND	AZZURRI	39	2	
	PARA HILLS	CROATIA	40	2	
	POLONIA	BEOGRAD	41	X	
	PT. ADELAIDE	NOARLUNGA U.	42	1	
S.A. Div. 2	BRIGHTON CTY.	W. ADELAIDE	43	2	
	LION	ADELAIDE C.	44	X	*
	MODBURY	SALISBURY	45	X	
	STURT	WHYALLA	46	2	
	VICTORIA	WESTFIELDS	47	2	
	WINDSOR	W. TORRENS	48	2	
QUEENSLAND	ANNERLEY	ACACIA RIDGE	49	2	
	MITCHELTON	COALSTARS	50	X	*
	PINE RIVERS	SUNNYSIDE	51	1	
	SOUTHSIDE	DARRA	52	2	
	TARINGA	SALISBURY	53	X	
	TRIDENT	OLYMPIC	54	1	
	GAP	INALA CITY	55	X	*

Australian Soccer Weekly selections for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score draws).

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SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 6, 15, 19, 26, 30, 32, 43, 48, 50, 55.

SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 13, 38, 39, 41, 46, 51

	1 1½	2 1½	3 1½	4 1	5 1½	6 3	7 1½
8 1	9 1½	10 1½	11 1½	12 1½	13 2	14 1	15 3
16 1	17 1½	18 1	19 3	20 1	21 1	22 1½	23 1½
24 1½	25 1	26 3	27 1½	28 1½	29 1	30 3	31 1
32 3	33 1	34 1½	35 2	36 1½	37 1½	38 2	39 2
40 1½	41 2	42 1	43 3	44 1½	45 1	46 2	47 1
48 3	49 1½	50 3	51 2	52 1	53 1	54 1½	55 3

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

Heidelberg's Jim Rooney believes that the Australian Soccer Federation should take no action over the tape taken by his player John Yzendoorn of a Rudi Gutendorf coaching statement to the Socceroos. "To say that there was any sabotage is rubbish. There was nothing in the whole affair. All it was was a joke combined with a tape for future reference," Rooney believes.

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Colin Gregson, an attacking midfielder from England, should be in Adelaide Hawks' line-up next week.

As we went to press his papers had been accepted by the immigration people, and the 23-year-old was standing by for final confirmation from UK officials.

Gregson played in England with Sydney City's Mark Trenter, also wanted by Hawks.

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It's been a long wait for Peter Kowalski and Vic Smythe, but all being well, they will be in Adelaide Hawks line up this week.

Both trained with the Adelaide club at various stages since the league was launched in 1977, and Smythe did turn out for Adelaide City under Rale Rasic, but was released after two outings.

Hawks, coach Peter Jaksa, has been in charge of the pair at various clubs - State League clubs Lion, Azzurri and Croatia — and after some tricky negotiations was set to sign them as we went to press.

The pair, according to Jaksa, have been outstanding at Hawks' training sessions.

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Tragedy was too close for comfort for Bob Latchford and his family recently.

The Latchfords are staying on the Gold Coast during their Queensland stay and on the day before the match against West Adelaide, son Richard was knocked down by a motor cycle, but fortunately was not seriously injured.

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Peter Marshall, Adelaide Giants' goalkeeper whose left leg was broken during the Canberra game, looks like being out for the rest of the season.

There are two breaks in the leg which "went" when he dived at the feet of Duncan Cole.

It was fortunate for Giants that coach Bob D'Ottavi signed Jack Przybylski from Croatia as a back-up for Marshall.

He had two young keepers in the squad, but felt more experience was needed.

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There always has to be a first time, and Giants' David Jones couldn't have picked a better time to score his first goal of the season.

We're referring to that glancing header for the only goal of the match against Canberra the other week in the last 30 seconds of the game.

Not the most accurate of headers, Jones couldn't have bettered this one, flashing it into the net head high from Gary Marocchi's free kick.

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Wollongong full-back Tony Dickinson is working hard on strengthening his injured ankle in a bid to get back into the top side.

The big full-back has been out of action since the second game of the season and lost his job through the injury.

Fortunately he has been able to find another job and is running with the team at training.

It is only a matter of time before the ankle becomes strong enough for Dickinson to get back in heavy training.

Wollongong supporters found out why there is a fourth official at games.

During the game against Heidelberg, referee Doug Rennie pulled a muscle in a leg and had to limp from the field.

The incident brought the biggest cheer of the day and Barry Wilkinson took his place.

The fourth official was called in to run the line.

No doubt the Wollongong players wished Wilkinson came on earlier as they scored twice in the nine minutes he was in charge.

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Brisbane could decide the destiny of West Adelaide, if the Hawks are still in the relegation zone in the closing stages of the season.

Hawks have two games at home to end the competition — against Brisbane Lions in round 29, and Brisbane Gladiators in the last round of the season.

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Adelaide Hawks changed their coach and now the word is that the committee, or some of them, could be changed.

There is a move on for a special meeting which could see some of the more experienced officials recalled, to get the club back on its feet.

At the moment there appears to be a lot of well-meaning people going off in different directions.

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New Zealand's regular goalscorer Brian Turner has joined Blacktown City from Wollongong City. Turner said: "I did not settle in Wollongong and I think I can do a good job here. My wife will be over from Auckland this week so we will be properly settled."

The Demons are also due to gain a worthwhile Yugoslav from West Germany, Branislav Krstic.

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The executive of the ASF World Youth Championship committee meets next Saturday to further preparations for the tournament. Press accreditation information has been despatched to overseas countries, and is currently being forwarded to local media.

This will form the base for the arrangements for the number of telexes and telephones required at the various centres.

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It turns out that the Hakoah Club Ltd's offer to host the England Youth team could not be accepted as the English FA has requested accommodation with baths and not showers, which has led to them being quartered at Camperdown, with adjacent training facilities. The Cameroons team from Africa will be at Randwick, closer to Hakoah, and it would not surprise if Hakoah Club's management decide to be of assistance. Use of Sydney Athletic Field for training would also be an excellent gesture to the Africans.

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Wollongong midfielder Jim McBreen scored 40 goals as an attacking midfielder with Edgeworth in the Newcastle competition.

He had two seasons with the northern club before an unsuccessful stint with Newcastle KB, but this made him all the more determined to make the PSL scene with the Wolves.

He began his career with the Burnley youth team in England and went to Blackburn Rovers before a three-year spell in the West Lancashire League.

It was while he was playing in this league that an Edgeworth official recruited him to come to Australia.

He came to Wollongong unknown to local fans, but he made a big impact with his willingness to work and ability to get the odd goal.

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Brisbane Lions were struck a tragic blow with the loss of leading goalscorer Ron Millman for at least two months.

Millman was injured in the game against Footscray when Bob Latchford made his debut, and scored the second goal, his fifth of the season, in Lions 4-0 win.

The injury Millman sustained when he collided with Dennis Boland in search of another goal is a broken shin bone.

The flying winger will be in plaster for six weeks.

Then he faces the job of regaining fitness as well as overcoming the psychological handicap which accompanies any player's road to recovery after a broken leg.

His speed and energy was expected to help form a lethal goalscoring partnership with Latchford, now also out injured.

The return from suspension of Steven Hogg has at least solved the problem for coach Joe Gilroy, as the Socceroo squad member can return to the midfield, allowing Bobby Ferris back up into the forward line.

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Canberra Arrows boss George Murray on his two imported star Scots . . . "Ian Gibson made an excellent start but he faded a bit and Ian Purdie still han't reached full match fitness."

Even so, Murray obviously expected the pair will be a great gain for Arrows.

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John Coyne has been transfer listed at $10,000. Leichhardt may be prepared to listen at $6,000 or $7,000 for the player, who at 26 has had national team and plenty of Philips League experience.

READERS' FORUM

THE EDITOR AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, P.O. BOX 146, BROADWAY, N.S.W. 2007

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Just one small point regarding Ian Smith's review of the Sydney Olympians v Newcastle KB Raiders match which appeared in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Volume 2 No. 55, Tuesday 26th May.

I wish to make it clear that I am not a "Newcastle Raiders reject".

When those words are used to describe a player, it is safe to say that he is an ex-player with that club or he in fact tried to be a member of that team and failed.

Now, after saying that, I can assure Ian that I did not come to Sydney Olympic from Adamstown Rosebuds via Newcastle KB Raiders. I have never been a member, or tried out to be a member of the KB team or squad.

I suppose you must have thought that seeing I came from Newcastle, I must have naturally enough, or as you think, tried, to play for KB.

When I secured my transfer from Adamstown Rosebuds, I had a choice from a number of clubs and I decided to play for Sydney Olympic with whom I have spent the last 2½ seasons.

I hope you are now clear on this situation Ian, and hope it will be made clear to the readers of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY by publishing this letter.

Graham Jennings,
Player, Sydney Olympians

I read the article by Mr Steve Burns, on the Australian Under 18 Soccer Championship final between South Australia and Queensland. Having been there myself, it makes me wonder whether Mr Burns and I were watching the same game, or his objectivity leaves something to be desired.

I whole heartedly agree with Mr Burns about the magnificent performance of young David Miller in goal for S.A. The only correction I would like to suggest, is the fact that this young keeper was the one who won the game for S.A. with his miraculous saves DURING — not after — the game, to keep out the all-out attacking Queensland boys.

Mr Burns states that the final was a close affair, from beginning to the end. What game is he talking about? Certainly not the final I saw. A top coach — stationed at Canberra — who kept statistics of the game, happened to mention, within my earshot, towards the middle of the first 10 minutes of extra time, that the number of chances up till then were: Qld 18 SA 2.

Does Mr Burns forget the fact that even in the second 10-minutes period, when Queensland were down to 10 men (when one of their strikers was knocked out cold and had to be carried off the field), S.A. still could not come out of their half, due to the relentless pressure by the Queensland youngsters?

I also did not see S.A. "come on strongly" at any time in the game. The goal S.A. scored came from an unfortunate blunder by the normally very reliable Queensland goalie, who was under no pressure at all at that time.

I am afraid that this kind of reporting is becoming the norm we up here in Queensland are getting used to by some southerners, but this time it was a little too much to swallow.

To all those whinging coaches, who kept on complaining about the short time they were given for the preparation of their charges: I would like to let them into a little secret. The very first time Ronnie Smith had a chance to play his top side together was in the final against South Australia.

A. Glockner
Brisbane, Qld

Up the Gold and Greens.

Jimmy Shoulder did try hard. Rudi Gutendorf did not. Most of the work was done by Les Scheinflug.

David Mitchell and other young players in Adelaide are Mr Scheinflug's products from the time he was manager-coach of Adelaide City. Les gave a lot to Soccer in South Australia through his Soccer knowledge and personality.

Team coaching with Scheinflug as boss and Johnny Warren will bring back sparkle to Australian Soccer and our national team.

Our Soccer is young and beaut and of a high standard. Spectators and sponsors want Soccer of T. Docherty's Olympians and George Potter's Gladiators.

After Brian Green, Jimmy Shoulder and showman Rudi, Les Scheinflug is our man. He has deserved the job as national coach for a long time.

There "A's" to ASW for top standard and objectivity.

Up the Socceroos!

Klaus Eggers
Brisbane, Qld.

FIFA
Enjoy Coca-Cola
TRADE MARK REGD.
Coke adds life to Soccer

DAI DAVIES — THE WELSH MISER!

Dai Davies of Wales is rated the hardest goalkeeper in the world to beat.

He earned that rating after again keeping his goal intact against Russia at Wrexham. In the past year, Davies has conceded just one miserly goal in eight international matches. Memories of the 1974 Dino Zoff!

Davies, formerly with Everton but now with unfashionable Wrexham, will be given his chance to return to first division next season.

Promoted Swansea City want him, even though Davies is 33 and nearing the end of his career.

He'd be younger than Swansea's present goalie, 34-year-old David Stewart!

Swansea is Davies home town club. He started there before moving on to Everton who, four years ago, allowed this very good goalkeeper to move to Wrexham for a giveaway $16,000.

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DAI DAVIES

ALAN KENNEDY

RUBBLE AND STRIFE FOR LIVERPOOL!

Liverpool's rather dull win in the European Cup Final has been criticised in many countries. It's even been called "a triumph for method over magic."

Yet the Merseyside team remains unrepentent. Chairman John Smith produced the classic quote: Winning is not the most important thing at Liverpool — it's the only thing!"

By the way, the locals in Paris wanted to know why Liverpool fans were toasting "Barney Rubble," a player whose name was NOT in the match programme.

They didn't realise it was goalscorer Alan Kennedy's nickname.

Kennedy admits he got the nickname "because all Liverpool full-backs are supposed to be thick in the head!"

JIMMY HAS A GOOD CASE

Jimmy Case is sick of being the constant substitute at Liverpool and he seeks first team football elsewhere.

He played the last 10 minutes in Liverpool's 1-0 European Cup Final win against Real Madrid in Paris but says: "Ten minutes in a glamour game doesn't make up for being rejected so often before. I'm prepared to leave Liverpool to look after my future.

Case lost his first team spot to England Under 21 player Sammy Lee.

If Liverpool agree to let him move, promoted West Ham United will be first in the queue for his transfer.

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"A GOOD AWAY POINT"

It was bad enough when England went down 2-1 to tiny Switzerland in the World Cup qualifying match but on the following day, the amateur Swiss Under 21 side almost beat England's Under 21 professionals, the match being drawn 0-0.

England manager Dave Sexton was not dismayed when he said: "It was a good away point. Incidentally, the match was played at the beautiful Neuchatel ground where Australia played on the way to the 1974 World Cup.

BARKER IS OUTSIDER

Wrexham have a short list of four for the vacant managerial job . . . Gordon Lee, Richie Barker, Ken Knighton and Emlyn Hughes.

Lee, sacked by Everton, and Knighton, sacked by Sunderland, are the pacesetters but the relatively unknown Barker, assistant manager of Wolves, is an outside chance who might climb over both for the job.

CANADA'S COLD COMFORT

Terry Yorath, who flew from Canada to play for Wales against Russia in the World Cup elimination match at Wrexham, is having a bad time with Vancouver Whitecaps.

Yorath is out of favour and cannot get a place in the team. He's thinking of returning to the UK.

Steve Kember is another British star dropped by Vancouver. He looks like joining Crystal Palace . . . as a coach.

ENGLISH FANS GET COLD SHOULDER

A revolutionary plan to stop English Soccer fans going abroad will be discussed by the English Football Association.

Everyone in the sport in Britain deplores the disgusting behaviour of the minority of drunken hooligans who accompany English teams when they travel.

The behaviour in Basle where England played Switzerland recently was the final straw.

This followed similar violence in Turin a year ago when England played in the European Championship.

Now England's official travel club, which has 8,000 members who support the international side in away games, is likely to be disbanded.

In addition, tickets for overseas matches will NOT be sold in Britain. Also, football officials in other countries will be requested not to sell tickets to British travellers.

F.A. secretary Ted Crocker commented: "We must try to stop England fans from going abroad by banning the sale of tickets in England and in other countries.

"The hooligans are disgracing our country everywhere. Nobody associated with the England team wants them at our games."

By the way, there are only 40 policemen on duty in the Basle Stadium, not nearly enough to cope with the trouble. However, a Swiss official made the point that "normally we would not have any policemen inside the ground."

The word "normally" does not apply to travelling UK fans.

LEICESTER WILL BID

Leicester City will be among top bidders for transfer-listed Derek Johnstone of Glasgow Rangers.

Johnstone, a former captain of Rangers and capped by Scotland as centre-half and centre-forward, has been at Ibrox Park for 11 years.

He is still only 27, though. And he's well known to Leicester City boss Jock Wallace, who had him under his wing with Rangers.

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BANK NEEDS THE CASH

Since being relegated from first division, Bristol City have sold four players for more than a million dollars.

Even that clear-out is not enough to satisfy City's bank manager.

The bank is insisting on further sales. Bristol City have been told to get their $440,000 overdraft down to $150,000.

"They're forcing us to sell all our best players," complains City chairman Archie Gooch.

Mr Gooch is now looking for a more understanding bank manager!

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Bob Lee has played only 25 games for Bristol Rovers after being bought from Sunderland for $140,000. Now he's been told he can leave on a free transfer after one year with Rovers.

U.K. SOCCER SCENE

CLEMENCE MAY QUIT

Ray Clemence, England's international goalkeeper, may look back on the European Cup Final as his last appearance for Liverpool.

Strong rumours suggest Clemence is about to quit the amazingly successful Liverpool, even though he has two years left on his four-year contract.

The Merseyside club paid $500,000 to Vancouver for Zimbabwe goalie Bruce Grobelaar and the youngster has performed well in Liverpool's reserve side. He is 17 years younger than Clemence and will surely be knocking on the foor for the first XI at Anfield.

Clemence would not fancy moving into the reserves which is why people in the know say he'll be moving out.

If he does become available, Spurs and Southampton are two clubs which would bid big for him. Also, the U.S.A. beckons.

Clemence's medal collection is remarkable . . . five first division championship medals, three European Cup, two UEFA Cup, one League Cup and one European Supercup.